

Contents lists available at [SciVerse ScienceDirect](http://SciVerse.ScienceDirect.com)

## Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra

journal homepage: [www.elsevier.com/locate/jpaa](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/jpaa)

## The cubic Hecke algebra on at most 5 strands

Ivan Marin

*Institut de Mathématiques de Jussieu, Université Paris 7, France*

## ARTICLE INFO

## Article history:

Received 13 December 2011

Received in revised form 8 April 2012

Available online 27 May 2012

Communicated by B. Keller

In memory of Johann Gustav Hermes, who worked 10 years on completing the construction of the 65537-gon and on producing the corresponding beautiful artwork of drawings and numbers, nowadays known as ‘Der Koffer’ in Göttingen’s library.

MSC: 20F36; 20C08

## ABSTRACT

We prove that the quotient of the group algebra of the braid group on 5 strands by a generic cubic relation has finite rank. This was conjectured by Broué, Malle and Rouquier and has for consequence that this algebra is a flat deformation of the group algebra of the complex reflection group  $G_{32}$ , of order 155,520.

© 2012 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.

## 1. Introduction

In 1957 H.S.M. Coxeter proved (see [8]) that the quotient of the braid group  $B_n$  on  $n \geq 2$  strands by the relations  $s_i^k = 1$ , where  $s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}$  denote the usual Artin generators, is a finite group if and only if  $\frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{n} > \frac{1}{2}$ . This means that, besides the obvious case  $k = 2$ , which leads to the symmetric group, and the case  $n = 2$ , there is only a finite number of such groups. They all turn out to be irreducible complex reflection groups, namely finite subgroups of  $\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbf{C})$  generated by endomorphisms which fix a hyperplane (so-called pseudo-reflections), and which leave no proper subspace invariant. In the usual classification of such objects, due to Shephard and Todd, they are nicknamed as  $G_4, G_8, G_{16}$  for  $n = 3$  and  $k = 3, 4, 5$ ,  $G_{25}, G_{32}$  for  $n = 4, 5$  and  $k = 3$ .

In 1998, M. Broué, et al. conjectured (see [6]) that the group algebra of all complex reflection groups admit flat deformations similar to the Hecke algebra of a Weyl or Coxeter group. They actually introduced natural deformations of such group algebras, called them the (generic) Hecke algebra associated to such a group, and they conjectured that these were flat deformations, and in particular that they have finite rank. For the groups we are interested in, this conjecture actually amounts to saying that the quotients of the group algebra  $RB_n$  by the relations  $s_i^k + a_{k-1}s_i^{k-1} + \dots + a_1s_i + a_0 = 0$ , where  $R = \mathbf{Z}[a_{k-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0, a_0^{-1}]$ , is a flat deformation of the group algebra  $RW$ , where  $W = B_n/s_i^k$  (note that we actually use a slightly smaller ring than the one used in [6] and [5]). This conjecture was proved in [5] for  $G_4$  and  $G_{25}$  but not for the largest cubic case  $G_{32}$  (Satz 4.7 – the proof for  $G_{25}$  is however only sketched there); actually, a preliminary version of the conjecture (where Hecke algebras were not associated to an arbitrary complex reflection group but instead to a specific kind of group presentation), already covering the cases that we are considering here, dates back to 1993, and is stated in [5] (Vermutung 4.6).

Note that, outside its original framework, the validity of this conjecture is assumed in a number of papers about so-called Cherednik algebras and related topics.

E-mail address: [marin@math.jussieu.fr](mailto:marin@math.jussieu.fr).

According to [6] (see the proof of theorem 4.24 there) only the following needs to be proved: that the algebra is spanned over  $R$  by  $|W|$  elements. This is what we prove here.

**Theorem 1.1.** *The generic Hecke algebra associated to  $W = G_{32}$  is spanned by  $|W|$  elements, and is thus a free  $R$ -module of rank  $|W|$  which becomes isomorphic to the group algebra of  $W$  after a suitable extension of scalars.*

More precisely, according to [11] corollary 7.2, a convenient extension of scalars would be  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_3, (\zeta_3^{-r}u_r)^{\frac{1}{6}}, r = 0, 1, 2)$  where  $\zeta_3$  is a primitive 3rd root of 1 and  $X^3 + a_2X^2 + a_1X + a_0 = (X - u_0)(X - u_1)(X - u_2)$  or, better, the algebraic extension of  $\mathbf{Q}(\zeta_3)(u_0, u_1, u_2)$  generated by  $\sqrt{u_0u_1}$ ,  $\sqrt{u_0u_2}$ ,  $\sqrt{u_1u_2}$  and  $\sqrt[3]{u_0u_1u_2}$  (see [11] table 8.2 and proposition 5.1).

In the general setting of complex reflection groups, it is known that this conjecture is true

- for the general series (usually denoted  $G(de, e, r)$ ) of complex reflection groups (by works Ariki–Koike [2] and Ariki [1]),
- for most of the exceptional groups of rank 2 by [5] and [14], which are numbered  $G_4$  to  $G_{22}$ . More precisely, only the groups  $G_{17}$ ,  $G_{18}$  and  $G_{19}$  have not been checked yet. In [9], a weak version of the conjecture is proved for all exceptional groups of rank 2.
- for  $G_{25}$  by [5], for the groups  $G_{26}$ ,  $G_{27}$  by computer means ([14]).
- for the Coxeter groups.

The remaining cases are in rank 4 the groups  $G_{29}$  ([14] however checked that the algebra has the right dimension over the field of fractions),  $G_{31}$ ,  $G_{32}$ , in rank 5 the group  $G_{33}$  and in rank 6 the group  $G_{34}$ . All but  $G_{32}$ , whose case we settled here, have all their pseudo-reflections of order 2.

In the case studied here, we actually prove more. Here and in the sequel we denote  $A_n$  the quotient of  $RB_n$  by the generic cubic relation  $s_i^3 - as_i^2 - bs_i - c = 0$ . The usual embedding  $B_n \hookrightarrow B_{n+1}$  induces a natural morphism  $A_n \rightarrow A_{n+1}$ , hence an  $A_n$ -bimodule structure on  $A_{n+1}$ . For  $n \leq 4$ , we give a decomposition of  $A_{n+1}$  as  $A_n$ -bimodule. This immediately provides an explicit  $R$ -basis of  $A_n$  for  $n \leq 5$ , made of images of braids in  $B_n$ . Recall that the orders of  $G_4$ ,  $G_{25}$  and  $G_{32}$  are 24, 648 and 155,520.

The following theorem is a recollection of the main results of this article: see in particular Theorems 3.2, 4.1, 6.21 and 6.26 as well as Corollary 5.12, and recall that the argument of [6] theorem 4.24 (which involves a transcendental monodromy construction) shows that proving that the Hecke algebra of type  $W$  is  $R$ -generated by  $|W|$  elements ensures that this Hecke algebra is free as an  $R$ -module, with basis the given  $|W|$  elements. Moreover, notice that, if we have an inclusion of parabolic subgroups  $W_0 \subset W$  with corresponding Hecke algebras  $H_0 \subset H$ , knowing the conjecture for  $H_0$  and that  $H$  is generated by  $|W/W_0|$  elements as an  $H_0$ -module proves (1) the conjecture for  $H$  and (2) that  $H$  is free as an  $H_0$ -module, with basis these elements. Indeed, letting  $N = |W/W_0|$  the assumption provides an  $H_0$ -module morphism  $H_0^N \rightarrow H$ ; composing with  $(R^{W_0})^N \simeq H_0^N$  this yields a surjective morphism  $R^{|W|} \rightarrow H$  which is an isomorphism by the argument of [6]. This proves that the original morphism  $H_0^N \rightarrow H$  has no kernel either, and so is an isomorphism.

**Theorem 1.2.** • Let  $S_2 = \{1, s_1, s_1^{-1}\} \subset B_2$ . One has  $|S_2| = 3$  and  $S_2$  provides an  $R$ -basis of  $A_2$ .

- Let  $S_3 = S_2 \sqcup S_2s_2^\pm S_2 \sqcup S_2s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1} \subset B_3$ . One has  $|S_3| = 24$  and  $S_3$  provides an  $R$ -basis of  $A_3$ .
- $A_4$  is a free  $A_3$ -module of rank 27. A basis of this  $A_3$ -module is provided by elements of the braid group (including 1) which map to a system of representatives of  $G_{25}/G_4$ .
- $A_4$  is a free  $R$ -module of rank 648. A basis of this  $R$ -module is provided by elements of the braid group including 1 which map to all  $G_{25}$ .
- $A_4$  is a free  $A_2 \otimes_R A_2 \simeq \langle s_1, s_3 \rangle$ -module of rank 72. A basis of this  $\langle s_1, s_3 \rangle$ -module is provided by elements of the braid group including 1 which map to a system of representatives of  $G_{25}/(\mathbf{Z}/3\mathbf{Z})^2$ .
- $A_5$  is a free  $A_4$ -module of rank 240. A basis is provided by elements of the braid group including 1 which map to a system of representatives of  $G_{32}/G_{25}$ .
- $A_5$  is a free  $R$ -module of rank 155,520. A basis of this  $R$ -module is provided by elements of the braid group which include 1 and which map to all  $G_{32}$ .

**Corollary 1.3.** *The natural map  $A_n \rightarrow A_{n+1}$  is injective for  $2 \leq n \leq 4$ .*

We describe the plan of the proof. Our method is inductive. We find generators of  $A_{n+1}$  as an  $A_n$ -bimodule, and only then as an  $A_n$ -module. After some preliminaries in Section 2 we do the case of  $A_3$  in Section 3. The structure of  $A_4$  as an  $A_3$ -module is obtained in Section 4. Before considering  $A_5$ , we provide in Section 5 an alternative description of  $A_4$ , this time as a  $\langle s_1, s_3 \rangle$ -module. In addition to providing an alternative proof of the conjecture for  $A_4$ , this is used in the decomposition of  $A_5$  as an  $A_4$ -module. This decomposition is obtained in Section 6. We first obtain a decomposition of  $A_5$  as an  $A_4$ -bimodule, and introduce a filtration of  $A_5$  by simpler  $A_4$ -bimodules. The latest step of the filtration has original generators originating from the center of the braid group, and this turns out to be the crucial reason why this filtration terminates, thus proving that  $A_5$  is an  $R$ -module of finite rank. For proving this crucial property one needs a lengthy calculation which is postponed in Section 7. We conclude the Section 6 and the proof of the main theorem by studying the structure as  $A_4$ -modules of the  $A_4$ -bimodules involved there.

**Remark 1.4.** A detailed version of this paper, with more computations detailed, can be found on the arxiv. For publication purposes, we skip here the details for quite a few computations. In particular, we assert without proof the equalities between words in  $s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4$  when they are (sometimes not so easy) identities inside the braid group. By using normal forms for elements in the braid group, the verification of such identities can be easily automatized.

### 1.1. Perspectives

It seems likely that our methods can be used to attack the conjecture for other complex reflection groups of higher rank. One indeed has the following standard inclusions of parabolic subgroups (except for the dotted line, which is not a parabolic inclusion). The number associated to the inclusion is the number of double classes. Note again that the groups of rank at least 3 for which the conjecture remains open have all their reflections of order 2.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 G(3, 3, 2) & \xrightarrow[4]{\subset} & G(3, 3, 3) & \xrightarrow[4]{\subset} & G(3, 3, 4) & \xrightarrow[6]{\subset} & G_{33} \xrightarrow[13]{\subset} G_{34} \\
 \\
 G(4, 4, 2) & \xrightarrow[5]{\subset} & G(4, 4, 3) & \xrightarrow[9]{\subset} & G_{29} & & \\
 & & & \nearrow[16]{\subset} & \vdots[2] & & \\
 & & G(2, 1, 3) & & G_{31} & & 
 \end{array}$$

For instance, 8 of the 9 double classes of  $W = G_{29} = \langle g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4 \rangle$  with respect to  $W_0 = G(4, 4, 3) = \langle g_2, g_3, g_4 \rangle$  have for representatives  $g_i^\varepsilon z$  for  $z \in Z(W)$  and  $\varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}$ . If we had a practical knowledge of the braid groups of type  $G_{29}$  and  $G(4, 4, 3)$  of the same level than the one we have for the usual braid group, the methods used here would then probably yield a proof of the conjecture for  $G_{29}$  in the same way we managed to get one for  $G_{32}$ , as this kind of phenomenon (that the most complicated double classes are mainly represented by central elements) is crucial in our proof. Similarly, if  $G_{34} = \langle s_1, \dots, s_6 \rangle$  with  $G_{33} = \langle s_1, \dots, s_5 \rangle$ , one can check that 12 of the 13 double classes have for representative a term of the form  $zs_6^\varepsilon$  for  $\varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $z$  a central element of  $G_{34}$ .

Another natural question is whether similar deformations exist for a higher number of strands. Indeed, although it is known that the groups  $\Gamma_n = B_n/s_i^3$  are infinite for  $n \geq 6$ , it was proved in [3] (see also [7]) that  $\Gamma_n^{(1)} = \Gamma_n/z_5^2$  and  $\Gamma_n^{(2)} = \Gamma_n/z_5^3$  are finite for arbitrary  $n \geq 5$ , and are related to symplectic group over  $\mathbf{F}_3$  and to unitary groups over  $\mathbf{F}_2$ , respectively. Here  $z_5$  denotes the image of the generator  $(s_1s_2s_3s_4)^5$  of the braid group on 5 strands into  $\Gamma_n$ ,  $n \geq 5$ , which has order 6 in  $\Gamma_5$ . It is thus tempting to look for deformations of the group algebras of  $\Gamma_n^{(1)}$  and  $\Gamma_n^{(2)}$  for arbitrary  $n$  that would be quotients of the group algebra of the braid group by a generic cubic relations and other relations probably involving  $z_5$ .

### 1.2. Applications

We mention the following consequences. A first one concerns the study of linear representations of the (usual) braid groups. A consequence of the proof in [5] for the cases  $G_4$ ,  $G_8$  and  $G_{16}$  was a classification of the linear representations of the braid group  $B_3$  in which the image of  $s_1$  (and thus of all  $s_i$ ) is killed by a polynomial of degree at most 5 : indeed, such a representation has to factorize through the corresponding Hecke algebra. This proves that such representations have a very rigid structure, a result rediscovered in [15]. A similar consequence of this new result is a classification of the linear representations of the braid group  $B_n$  for  $n$  at most 5 in which the image of  $s_1$  is killed by a cubic polynomial.

A second one is about the cubic invariants of knots and links. The algebras connected to cubic invariants, including the Kauffman polynomial and the Links–Gould polynomial (which is studied in [13]), are quotients of  $A_n$ . Our result gives the structure of  $A_5$ ; in order to prove it, we actually establish its decomposition as an  $A_4$ -bimodule, which may be useful in order to understand the possible Markov traces factorizing through  $A_n$ .

Specifically, in [7], we used the representation theory of the group  $G_{32}$  to prove that an algebra  $K_n(\gamma)$  introduced by Funar in [10] for studying knot invariants collapsed for large  $n$  over a field of characteristic distinct from 2, and in characteristic 0 for  $n \geq 5$ . An immediate consequence of the present result is that our argument in characteristic 0 applies verbatim to prove that the deformation  $K_n(\alpha, \beta)$  of  $K_n(\gamma)$  introduced by Bellingeri and Funar in [4] also collapses for  $n \geq 5$ . We provide the details below.

**Theorem 1.5.** *The generic algebra  $K_n(\alpha, \beta)$  introduced in [4] is zero for  $n \geq 5$ .*

**Proof.** We use the notations of [4]. Let  $\mathbf{k}$  be an algebraically closed extension of  $\mathbf{Q}(\alpha, \beta)$ . The  $\mathbf{Z}[\alpha, \beta]$ -algebra  $K_n(\alpha, \beta)$  is defined as the quotient of the group algebra  $\mathbf{Z}[\alpha, \beta]B_n$  by the two-sided ideal generated by the elements  $s_i^3 - \alpha s_i^2 - \beta s_i - 1$  and another element  $q \in \mathbf{Z}[\alpha, \beta]B_3 \subset \mathbf{Z}[\alpha, \beta]B_n$ . We let  $\varphi : \mathbf{Z}[a, b, c, c^{-1}] \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}[\alpha, \beta]$  be the specialization  $a \mapsto \alpha$ ,  $b \mapsto \beta$ ,  $c \mapsto 1$ , and let  $A_n^0$  denote  $A_n \otimes_\varphi \mathbf{Z}[\alpha, \beta]$ . Obviously  $K_n(\alpha, \beta)$  is a quotient of  $A_n^0$ , more precisely the quotient of  $A_n^0$  by the two-sided ideal generated by (the canonical image of)  $q$ . Let  $\mathbf{k}$  denote an algebraically closed extension of  $\mathbf{Q}(\alpha, \beta)$ . We have  $A_3^0 \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}[\alpha, \beta]} \mathbf{k} \simeq \mathbf{k}G_4 \simeq \mathbf{k}^3 \oplus \text{Mat}_2(\mathbf{k})^3 \oplus \text{Mat}_3(\mathbf{k})$ , and the ideal generated by  $q$  is by definition the factor  $\mathbf{k}^3$  in this decomposition (see remark 1.3 in [4]). As a consequence, the  $\mathbf{k}$ -algebra  $\mathbf{k}K_5(\alpha, \beta)$  is the quotient of the semisimple algebra  $\mathbf{k}A_5^0 \simeq \mathbf{k}G_{32}$  by the following two-sided ideal : make the direct sum of all the direct factors  $\text{Mat}_N(\mathbf{k})$  whose corresponding irreducible representations have at least one 1-dimensional component in their restriction to  $\mathbf{k}A_3^0$ . Now, to the expense of

possibly enlarging  $\mathbf{k}$ , the isomorphisms between the algebras  $A_n^0$  and the corresponding group algebras can be chosen in such a way that the following diagram commutes (e.g. by theorem 2.9 of [12] – see also remark 2.11 there).

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbf{k}A_3^0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{k}A_4^0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{k}A_5^0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbf{k}G_4 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{k}G_{25} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{k}G_{32} \end{array}$$

As in [7], the induction table between the (ordinary) characters of  $G_4$  of  $G_{32}$  then shows that *all* direct factors  $\text{Mat}_N(\mathbf{k})$  satisfy this property, and thus the two-sided ideal is all  $A_5^0$ . It follows that  $K_5(\alpha, \beta) = 0$ , whence  $K_n(\alpha, \beta) = 0$  for  $n \geq 5$ , as  $K_n(\alpha, \beta)$  is generated by conjugates of the image of  $K_5(\alpha, \beta)$ .  $\square$

## 2. Preliminaries and notations

We let  $R = \mathbf{Z}[a, b, c, c^{-1}]$  and let  $B_n$  denote the braid group on  $n$  strands, generated by the braids  $s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}$  with relations  $s_i s_{i+1} s_i = s_{i+1} s_i s_{i+1}$  and  $s_i s_j = s_j s_i$  for  $|j - i| \geq 2$ . The cubic Hecke algebra  $A_n$  for  $n \geq 2$  is the quotient of the group algebra  $RB_n$  by the relations  $s_i^3 = as_i^2 + bs_i + c$ . We identify  $s_i$  to their images in  $A_n$ . Notice that, since  $c$  is invertible in  $R$ ,  $s_i$  is still invertible, and we have the equivalent relations  $s_i^2 = as_i + b + cs_i^{-1}$ , etc.

The group algebra  $RB_n$  admits the automorphism  $s_i \mapsto s_{n-i}$ , which induces an automorphism of  $A_n$ , as a  $R$ -algebra. The automorphism  $s_i \mapsto s_i^{-1}$  of  $B_n$  induces an automorphism  $\Phi$  of  $A_n$  as a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -algebra, defined by  $s_i \mapsto s_i^{-1}$ ,  $a \mapsto -bc^{-1}$ ,  $b \mapsto -ac^{-1}$ ,  $c \mapsto c^{-1}$ , and similarly the skew-automorphism  $\Psi$  of  $B_n$  defined by  $s_i \mapsto s_i^{-1}$  induces a skew-automorphism of  $A_n$  as a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -algebra.

In the sequel we will denote  $u_i$  the  $R$ -subalgebra of  $A_n$  generated by  $s_i$  (or equivalently by  $s_i^{-1}$ ).

The following equalities hold in the braid group, and thus also in  $A_n$ . We state them as a lemma because of their importance in the sequel. Notice that they transform an element of the form  $s_{i+1}^\pm s_i^\mp s_{i+1}^\mp$  into an element of  $u_i u_{i+1} u_i$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** For  $\alpha \in \{-1, 1\}$ , we have  $s_{i+1}^\alpha s_i^\alpha s_{i+1}^{-\alpha} = s_i^{-\alpha} s_{i+1}^\alpha s_i^\alpha$  and  $s_{i+1}^\alpha s_i^{-\alpha} s_{i+1}^{-\alpha} = s_i^{-\alpha} s_{i+1}^{-\alpha} s_i^\alpha$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** For all  $\epsilon \in \{0, 1, -1\}$ ,  $s_{i+1}^\pm s_i^\epsilon s_{i+1}^\mp \in u_i u_{i+1} u_i$ ,  $s_{i+1}^\pm s_i^\pm s_{i+1}^\epsilon \in u_i u_{i+1} u_i$ , and  $s_{i+1}^\epsilon s_i^\pm s_{i+1}^\pm \in u_i u_{i+1} u_i$ .

**Proof.** The first item is a direct consequence of Lemma 2.1, and the latter two items are consequences of the braid relations  $s_i^\pm s_{i+1}^\pm s_i^\pm = s_{i+1}^\pm s_i^\pm s_{i+1}^\pm$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** (1) For all  $x \in u_i$ ,  $(s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i s_{i+1}^{-1})x \in x(s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i s_{i+1}^{-1}) + u_i u_{i+1} u_i$ .

(2) For all  $x \in u_i$ ,  $(s_{i+1} s_i^{-1} s_{i+1})x \in x(s_{i+1} s_i^{-1} s_{i+1}) + u_i u_{i+1} u_i$ .

**Proof.** (2) is a consequence of (1) up to applying an automorphism of  $A_n$ , so we restrict ourselves to proving (1). Since  $u_i$  is generated as a  $R$ -algebra by  $s_i^{-1}$ , we only need to prove  $(s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i s_{i+1}^{-1})s_i^{-1} \in s_i^{-1}(s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i s_{i+1}^{-1}) + u_i u_{i+1} u_i$ . We use  $s_i = cs_i^{-2} + bs_i^{-1} + a$ ,  $s_i^{-2} = c^{-1}s_i - ac^{-1} - bc^{-1}s_i^{-1}$  and the braid relations, and get

$$\begin{aligned} (s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i s_{i+1}^{-1})s_i^{-1} &= s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i^{-1} \\ &= s_{i+1}^{-1} (cs_i^{-2} + bs_i^{-1} + a) s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i^{-1} \\ &= cs_{i+1}^{-1} s_i^{-2} s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i^{-1} + bs_{i+1}^{-1} s_i^{-1} s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i^{-1} + as_{i+1}^{-1} s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i^{-1} \\ &= cs_{i+1}^{-1} s_i^{-2} s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i^{-1} + bs_{i+1}^{-1} s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i^{-1} s_i^{-1} + as_{i+1}^{-1} s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i^{-1} \\ &\in cs_{i+1}^{-1} s_i^{-1} (s_i^{-1} s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i^{-1}) + u_i u_{i+1} u_i \\ &\in c(s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i^{-1} s_{i+1}^{-1}) s_i^{-1} s_{i+1}^{-1} + u_i u_{i+1} u_i \\ &\in cs_{i+1}^{-1} s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i^{-2} s_{i+1}^{-1} + u_i u_{i+1} u_i \\ &\in cs_{i+1}^{-1} s_{i+1}^{-1} (c^{-1} s_i - ac^{-1} - bc^{-1} s_i^{-1}) s_{i+1}^{-1} + u_i u_{i+1} u_i \\ &\in s_i^{-1} s_{i+1}^{-1} (s_i - a - bs_i^{-1}) s_{i+1}^{-1} + u_i u_{i+1} u_i \\ &\in s_i^{-1} s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i s_{i+1}^{-1} - as_{i+1}^{-1} s_{i+1}^{-1} s_{i+1}^{-1} - bs_{i+1}^{-1} (s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i^{-1} s_{i+1}^{-1}) + u_i u_{i+1} u_i \\ &\in s_i^{-1} s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i s_{i+1}^{-1} - as_{i+1}^{-1} s_{i+1}^{-1} s_{i+1}^{-1} - bs_{i+1}^{-1} s_i^{-1} s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i^{-1} + u_i u_{i+1} u_i \\ &\in s_i^{-1} (s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i s_{i+1}^{-1}) + u_i u_{i+1} u_i. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.4.**  $s_{i+1}^{-1} s_i s_{i+1}^{-1} \in c^{-1} (s_{i+1} s_i^{-1} s_{i+1}) s_i + u_i u_{i+1} u_i$ .

**Proof.** We have  $(s_{i+1} s_i^{-1} s_{i+1}) s_i = s_{i+1} (s_i^{-1} s_{i+1} s_i) = s_{i+1} s_{i+1} s_i s_{i+1}^{-1} = s_{i+1}^2 s_i s_{i+1}^{-1}$  by Lemma 2.1. Since  $s_{i+1}^2 = as_{i+1} + b + cs_{i+1}^{-1}$  we get  $(s_{i+1} s_i^{-1} s_{i+1}) s_i = (as_{i+1} + b + cs_{i+1}^{-1}) s_i s_{i+1}^{-1} = as_{i+1} s_i s_{i+1}^{-1} + bs_i s_{i+1}^{-1} + cs_{i+1}^{-1} s_i s_{i+1}^{-1} \in cs_{i+1}^{-1} s_i s_{i+1}^{-1} + u_i u_{i+1} u_i$  since  $s_{i+1} s_i s_{i+1}^{-1} \in u_i u_{i+1} u_i$  by Lemma 2.1.  $\square$

### 3. The algebra $A_3$

We identify  $A_2$  with its image in  $A_3$  under  $s_i \mapsto s_i$ , that is with the subalgebra of  $A_3$  generated by  $s_1$ . Lemma 2.1 provides the equalities  $s_2 s_1 s_2^{-1} = s_1^{-1} s_2 s_1$ ,  $s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1} = s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_1$ ,  $s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2 = s_1 s_2 s_1^{-1}$ ,  $s_2^{-1} s_1^{-1} s_2 = s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1^{-1}$ .

**Lemma 3.1.**  $s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} A_2 \subset A_2 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} + u_2 u_1 u_2$  and  $s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 A_2 \subset A_2 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 + u_2 u_1 u_2$ .

**Proof.** Straightforward consequences of Lemma 2.3  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** (1)  $A_3 = A_2 + A_2 s_2 A_2 + A_2 s_2^{-1} A_2 + A_2 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} A_2$

(2)  $A_3 = A_2 + A_2 s_2 A_2 + A_2 s_2^{-1} A_2 + A_2 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 A_2$

(3)  $A_3 = A_2 + A_2 s_2 A_2 + A_2 s_2^{-1} A_2 + A_2 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 = A_2 + A_2 s_2 A_2 + A_2 s_2^{-1} A_2 + s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 A_2$

(4)  $A_3 = A_2 + A_2 s_2 A_2 + A_2 s_2^{-1} A_2 + A_2 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} = A_2 + A_2 s_2 A_2 + A_2 s_2^{-1} A_2 + s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} A_2$ .

**Proof.** Up to applying  $\Phi$ , (2) is a consequence of (1). Then (3) and (4) are consequences of (1) and (2) by the above lemma. We now prove (1), and let  $U$  denote its RHS. It is clearly an  $A_2$ -submodule of  $A_3$  which contains 1, so we only need to prove  $s_2 U \subset U$ . Note that, clearly,  $u_1 u_2 u_1 \subset U$ . We first prove  $u_2 u_1 u_2 \subset U$ . Since we know  $u_1 u_2 \subset U$ ,  $u_2 u_1 \subset U$ , this means that  $w = s_2^\alpha s_1^\beta s_2^\gamma \in U$  for all  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \{-1, 1\}$ . If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  have opposite signs this element belongs to  $u_1 u_2 u_1 \subset U$  by Lemma 2.1, so we can assume  $\alpha = \beta$ . If  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma$ , then the braid relations imply  $w \in u_2 u_1 u_2 \subset U$ . Thus only remains  $w \in \{s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1}, s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2\}$ . Clearly  $s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} \in U$ , and  $s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 \in c(s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1}) s_1^{-1} + u_1 u_2 u_1 \subset u_1 U u_1 = U$  by Lemma 2.4. We thus proved  $u_2 u_1 u_2 \subset U$ . We now prove  $s_2 U \subset U$ . Clearly  $s_2 (A_2 + A_2 s_2 A_2 + A_2 s_2^{-1} A_2) \subset u_2 u_1 u_2 u_1 \subset U u_1 \subset U$ , so we need to prove  $s_2 u_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} \subset U$ . But  $s_2 u_1 s_2^{-1} \subset u_1 u_2 u_1$  by Lemma 2.1 hence  $s_2 u_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} \subset u_1 u_2 u_1 u_2 \subset U$ . This proves the claim.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.3.** We have  $A_3 = u_1 u_2 u_1 u_2 = u_2 u_1 u_2 u_1$ . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} A_3 &= u_1 u_2 u_1 + u_2 u_1 u_2 + R s_1^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 = u_1 u_2 u_1 + u_2 u_1 u_2 + R s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 \\ &= u_1 u_2 u_1 + u_2 u_1 u_2 + R s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2 = u_1 u_2 u_1 + u_2 u_1 u_2 + R s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_1 \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $n \geq 3$ . For all  $1 \leq i, j \leq n - 1$ , we have in  $A_n$  the equality  $u_i u_j u_i u_j = u_j u_i u_j u_i$ .

This theorem implies that  $A_3$  is a free  $R$ -module of finite rank, consequently that  $A_3 \subset A_3 \otimes_R K \simeq \text{Mat}_3(K) \oplus \text{Mat}_2(K)^3 \oplus K^3$  where  $K$  is a sufficiently large extension of the quotient field of  $R$ , and the isomorphism is explicitly given by the matrix models of the irreducible representations of  $A_3$ . From this it is simply a linear algebra matter to check equalities in  $A_3$ , or to express a given element in a given basis. In order to preserve the computer-free spirit of this paper, we however sketch a proof of the useful identities below.

**Lemma 3.5.**

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} &= s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 + \frac{a}{c} s_1 s_2 - \frac{a}{c} s_2 s_1 - \frac{ab}{c} s_1 s_2^{-1} + \frac{ab}{c} s_2^{-1} s_1 + b s_2^{-1} s_1^{-1} - b s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1} \\ s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} &= s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 + a(s_1^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} - s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1}) - \frac{ab}{c} s_1 s_2^{-1} + \frac{ab}{c} s_1^{-1} s_2 + \frac{b}{c} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 - \frac{b}{c} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 \\ s_1^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 &= s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 + \frac{a}{c} s_1 s_2 - a s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} - \frac{a}{c} s_2 s_1 + a s_1^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} \\ &\quad - \frac{ab}{c} s_1 s_2^{-1} + \frac{b}{c} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 + \frac{ab}{c} s_2 s_1^{-1} - \frac{b}{c} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 + b s_2^{-1} s_1^{-1} - b s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** We want to show the equality  $s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} = s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 + \frac{a}{c} s_1 s_2 - \frac{a}{c} s_2 s_1 - \frac{ab}{c} s_1 s_2^{-1} + \frac{ab}{c} s_2^{-1} s_1 + b s_2^{-1} s_1^{-1} - b s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1}$ . The other identities are elementary consequences of these ones, through the usual (skew) automorphisms, and the conjugation by  $s_1 s_2 s_1$  which exchanges  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ . Multiplying this equality on the left by  $s_2$ , it is equivalent to  $s_2 s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} = s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 + \frac{a}{c} s_2 s_1 s_2 - \frac{a}{c} s_2^2 s_1 - \frac{ab}{c} s_2 s_1 s_2^{-1} + \frac{ab}{c} s_1 + b s_1^{-1} - b s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} (s_2 s_1 s_2^{-1}) s_1 s_2^{-1} &= s_1^{-1} s_2 (s_1^2) s_2^{-1} = a(s_1^{-1} s_2 s_1) s_2^{-1} + b s_1^{-1} + c s_1^{-1} (s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1}) \\ &= a s_2 s_1 (s_2^{-2}) + b s_1^{-1} + c s_1^{-2} s_2^{-1} s_1 \\ &= \frac{a}{c} s_2 s_1 s_2 - \frac{ab}{c} s_2 s_1 s_2^{-1} - \frac{a^2}{c} s_2 s_1 + b s_1^{-1} + s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 - b s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_1 - a s_2^{-1} s_1 \end{aligned}$$

Comparing this expression with the RHS of the desired identity, we conclude that it is equivalent to  $-\frac{a^2}{c} s_2 s_1 - a s_2^{-1} s_1 = -\frac{a^2}{c} s_2 s_1 + \frac{ab}{c} s_1$  which, after multiplication on the right by  $c s_1^{-1}$ , is equivalent to  $a(s_2^2 - a s_2 - c s_2^{-1} - b) = 0$ , which holds true. This concludes the proof.  $\square$

As a immediate consequence, we get

**Lemma 3.6.**

$$\begin{aligned}s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} - s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 &= \frac{a}{c} s_1 s_2 - \frac{a}{c} s_2 s_1 + \frac{ab}{c} s_1 s_2^{-1} + \frac{ab}{c} s_2^{-1} s_1 + b s_2^{-1} s_1^{-1} - b s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1} \\ s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} - s_1^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 &= \frac{ab}{c} s_1^{-1} s_2 - \frac{a}{c} s_1 s_2 + \frac{a}{c} s_2 s_1 - \frac{ab}{c} s_2 s_1^{-1} - b s_2^{-1} s_1^{-1} + b s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

A few additional computations lead to the following identity.

**Lemma 3.7.**

$$\begin{aligned}s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 &= \frac{-(c+ab)a}{c^2} s_1 + \frac{a}{c} s_1 s_2 + \frac{a}{c} s_1^{-1} s_2 s_1 - \frac{ab}{c} s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} + \frac{ab}{c} s_1^{-1} + \frac{ab}{c^2} s_2 s_1 \\ &\quad + s_1^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} - \frac{b}{c} s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 - \frac{ab^2}{c^2} s_2^{-1} s_1 + \frac{b}{c} s_1^{-1} s_2 \\ &\quad - \frac{a}{c} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 + \frac{b}{c} s_2 s_1^{-1} - \frac{b^2}{c} s_2^{-1} s_1^{-1} - b s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_1^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

#### 4. The algebra $A_4$ as an $A_3$ (bi)module

We identify  $A_3$  with its image in  $A_4$ , and denote  $sh(A_3)$  the  $R$ -subalgebra of  $A_4$  generated by  $s_2, s_3, s_4$ . It is the image of  $A_3$  under the ‘shift’ morphism  $s_i \mapsto s_{i+1}$ . The goal of this section is to prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.1.** (1)  $A_4 = A_3 + A_3 s_3 A_3 + A_3 s_3^{-1} A_3 + A_3 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 A_3 + A_3 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} A_3 + A_3 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3 A_3$

(2)  $A_4 = A_3 + A_3 s_3 A_3 + A_3 s_3^{-1} A_3 + A_3 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 A_3 + A_3 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} + A_3 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3$

(3)  $A_4 = A_3 + A_3 s_3 A_3 + A_3 s_3^{-1} A_3 + A_3 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 A_3 + s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} A_3 + s_3 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3 A_3$ .

We denote  $U$  the right-hand side of (1). We notice that  $sh(A_3) \subset U$ , because of Theorem 3.2(2). Also notice that  $\Psi(U) = U$  and  $\Phi(U) = U$  because of Lemma 2.4.

**Lemma 4.2.**  $u_3 A_3 u_3 \subset U$ .

**Proof.** By Theorem 3.2 we have  $A_3 = u_1 u_2 u_1 + u_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1}$  hence  $u_3 A_3 u_3 \subset u_3 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_3 + u_3 u_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} u_3$ . But  $u_3 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_3 = u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_1 \subset u_1 sh(A_3) u_1 \subset u_1 U u_1 \subset U$ , and  $u_3 u_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} u_3 = u_1 u_3 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} u_3$  so we need to prove  $s_3 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3^\beta \in U$  for  $\alpha, \beta \in \{-1, 1\}$ . The case  $(\alpha, \beta) = (1, 1)$  is clear by definition of  $U$ . When  $(\alpha, \beta) = (-1, -1)$ , we have  $s_3^{-1} (s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1}) s_3^{-1} \in c^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_1 s_3^{-1} + s_3^{-1} u_1 u_2 u_1 s_3^{-1}$  that is  $s_3^{-1} (s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1}) s_3^{-1} \in s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} u_1 + u_1 s_3^{-1} u_2 s_3^{-1} u_1 \subset U + u_1 sh(A_3) u_1 \subset U$ . When  $(\alpha, \beta) = (1, -1)$  we get  $s_3 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} = s_3 s_2^{-1} s_1 (s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2^{-1}) s_2 = s_3 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_3^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2 = (s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1}) s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2 = s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} (s_2 s_1 s_2^{-1}) s_3^{-1} s_2 \in s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} u_1 u_2 u_1 s_3^{-1} s_2 \subset s_2^{-1} u_1 s_3^{-1} u_2 s_3^{-1} u_1 s_2 \subset A_3 sh(A_3) A_3 \subset U$ . The case  $(-1, 1)$  is similar.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.3.**  $u_3 A_3 u_3 A_3 u_3 \subset A_3 u_3 A_3 u_3 A_3$ .

**Proof.** For  $x \in A_3$ , we say that  $x$  has at most  $p$  factors if it belongs to  $u_{\sigma(1)} \dots u_{\sigma(p)}$  for some  $\sigma : [1, p] \rightarrow \{1, 2\}$ . By Theorem 3.2 the minimal number of factors for such an  $x$  is at most 4. We let  $x, y \in A_3$ , with minimal number of factors  $p$  and  $q$ , and prove that  $u_3 x u_3 y u_3 \subset A_3 u_3 A_3 u_3 A_3$  by induction on  $(p, q)$  in lexicographic order. Note that, since  $\Psi(U) = U$ , we may assume  $p \geq q$ . Moreover, since  $A_3 = u_1 u_2 u_1 u_2$  and  $u_3 (u_1 u_2 u_1 u_2) u_3 y u_3 = u_1 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 y u_3$ , we can assume  $p \leq 3$  (hence  $q \leq 3$ ).

The case  $q = 0$  is trivial. If  $x \in u_1 u_{\sigma(2)} \dots u_{\sigma(p)}$ , we have  $u_3 x u_3 y u_3 \in u_3 u_1 u_{\sigma(2)} \dots u_{\sigma(p)} u_3 y u_3 = u_1 u_3 u_{\sigma(2)} \dots u_{\sigma(p)} u_3 y u_3$  and we are reduced to the case  $(p-1, q)$ . Similarly, if  $y \in u_{\tau(1)} \dots u_{\tau(q-1)} u_1$ , we are reduced to  $(p, q-1)$ . As a consequence, the only non-trivial case for  $p \leq 1$  is  $u_3 u_2 u_3 u_2 u_3 \subset sh(A_3) \subset A_3 u_3 A_3 u_3 A_3$  because of Theorem 3.2.

We consider the case  $(p, q) = (2, 1)$ . The only nontrivial case is  $u_3 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3$ . We need to prove  $s_3^\alpha u_2 u_1 s_3^\beta u_2 s_3^\gamma \subset A_3 u_3 A_3 u_3 A_3$  for all  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \{-1, 1\}$ . Because  $s_3^\alpha u_2 u_1 (s_3^\beta u_2 s_3^\gamma) = (s_3^\alpha u_2 s_3^\beta) u_1 u_2 s_3^\gamma$  this is clear by Lemma 2.1 unless  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are all the same. We thus need to prove  $s_3^\alpha s_2^\beta u_1 s_3^\alpha s_2^\gamma s_3^\gamma \subset A_3 u_3 A_3 u_3 A_3$  for all  $\beta, \gamma \in \{-1, 1\}$ . Since  $s_3^\alpha s_2^\alpha s_3^\alpha = s_2^\alpha s_3^\alpha s_2^\alpha$  we can assume  $\beta = -\alpha$  and  $\gamma = -\alpha$  and consider  $s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} u_1 s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} s_3^\alpha$ . By Lemma 2.4 we have  $s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} s_3^\alpha \in s_3^{-\alpha} s_2^\alpha s_3^{-\alpha} u_2 + u_2 u_3 u_2$  hence  $s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} u_1 s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} s_3^\alpha \subset s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} u_1 s_3^{-\alpha} s_2^\alpha s_3^{-\alpha} u_2 + s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} u_1 u_2 u_3 u_2 \subset s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} u_1 s_3^{-\alpha} s_2^\alpha s_3^{-\alpha} u_2 + u_3 A_3 u_3 A_3$  and we already noticed

$$s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} u_1 s_3^{-\alpha} s_2^\alpha s_3^{-\alpha} u_2 = (s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} s_3^{-\alpha}) u_1 s_2^\alpha s_3^{-\alpha} u_2 \subset u_2 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_2 \subset A_3 u_3 A_3 u_3 A_3.$$

All cases for  $(p, q) = (2, 2)$  can be easily reduced to smaller values by commutation relations. The only a priori irreducible case for  $(p, q) = (3, 1)$  is  $u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_2 u_3$ . Since  $u_2 u_3 u_2 u_3 \subset u_2 u_3 u_2 + u_3 u_2 u_3$  by Theorem 3.2, we are reduced to case  $(2, 1)$ .

For the case  $(p, q) = (3, 2)$ , we can use a similar argument: the only nontrivial case is  $u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_1 u_2 u_3 = u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3$  and  $u_2 u_1 u_2 u_1 \subset u_2 u_1 u_2 + u_1 u_2 u_1$ , and we are reduced to smaller cases.

The only remaining case is thus  $(p, q) = (3, 3)$ . Since  $x \in A_3 = u_1 u_2 u_1 + u_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1}$  and  $y \in A_3 = u_1 u_2 u_1 + s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} u_1$  we are reduced to considering  $s_3^\alpha s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3^\beta s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3^\gamma$  for  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \{-1, 1\}$ . Up to applying  $\Phi$  if necessary, we can assume  $\beta = -1$ . Then  $s_3^\alpha s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3^\gamma = s_3^\alpha s_2^{-1} s_1 s_3^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3^\gamma = (s_3^\alpha s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1}) s_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 (s_3^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_3^\gamma) \subset u_2 u_3 u_2 A_3 u_2 u_3 u_2 \subset A_3 u_3 A_3 u_3 A_3$  by Lemma 2.2, and this concludes the proof.  $\square$

We let  $U_0 = A_3 u_3 A_3 + A_3 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 A_3 = A_3 u_3 A_3 + A_3 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} A_3 = A_3 sh(A_3) A_3 \subset U$ .



**Lemma 4.4.** (1)  $s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}A_3 \subset A_3s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1} + U_0$   
 (2)  $s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}A_2 \subset A_2s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1} + U_0$   
 (3)  $s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3A_3 \subset A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3 + U_0$   
 (4)  $s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3A_2 \subset A_2s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3 + U_0$ .

Statements (3) and (4) are consequences of (1) and (2) by application of  $\Phi$ , and (1) and (2) are immediate consequences of the more detailed lemma below.

**Lemma 4.5.** (1) For all  $x \in A_2$ ,  $s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}x \in xs_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1} + U_0$ .  
 (2)  $(s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})s_2^{-1} \in s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_1(s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}) + U_0$   
 (3) For all  $x \in A_3$ ,  $(s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})x \in x^{s_1}(s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}) + U_0$  (where  $x^{s_1} = s_1^{-1}xs_1$ ).

**Proof.** We first prove (1). We have

$$\begin{aligned} (s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})s_1^{-1} &= s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1} \\ &\in s_3^{-1}s_1^{-1}(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3^{-1} + s_3^{-1}u_1u_2u_1s_3^{-1} \\ &\subset s_3^{-1}s_1^{-1}(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3^{-1} + u_1s_3^{-1}u_2s_3^{-1}u_1 \\ &\subset s_1^{-1}(s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}) + A_3sh(A_3)A_3 \\ &\subset s_1^{-1}(s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}) + U_0 \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 2.3. Since  $s_1^{-1}$  generates  $A_2$  this proves (1).

We now prove (2). We have

$$\begin{aligned} (s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})s_2^{-1} &= s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1} \\ &\in cs_3^{-1}(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1})s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1} + s_3^{-1}u_1u_2u_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1} \\ &\subset cs_3^{-1}(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1})s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1} + U_0 \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 2.4. By Lemma 2.3 it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})s_2^{-1} &\in cs_3^{-1}s_1^{-1}(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1})s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1} + U_0 \\ &= cs_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_1(s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}) + U_0 = cs_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1} + U_0 \\ &= cs_1^{-1}(s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}) + U_0 = cs_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1})s_3^{-1} + U_0 \\ &\subset cs_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}c^{-1}(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_1s_3^{-1} + U_0 = s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_1s_3^{-1} + U_0 \end{aligned}$$

again by Lemma 2.4. Since

$$s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_1s_3^{-1} \in s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_1(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3^{-1} + U_0 \subset s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_1s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3^{-1} + U_0$$

by Lemma 2.3, this proves (2)

Since  $A_3$  is generated by  $s_1^{-1}$  and  $s_2^{-1}$  and  $U_0$  is an  $A_3 - A_3$  submodule of  $A_4$ , we need to check (3) only for  $x = s_1^{-1}$  and  $x = s_2^{-1}$ , and we just did.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 4.1.*

Since  $1 \in U$  and  $U$  is an  $A_3$ -submodule of  $A_4$ , in order to prove (1) one need to prove  $s_3U \subset U$ . Clearly  $U \subset A_3u_3A_3u_3A_3$  hence  $s_3U \subset u_3A_3u_3A_3u_3A_3 \subset A_3u_3A_3u_3A_3$  by Lemma 4.3, and  $A_3(u_3A_3u_3)A_3 \subset A_3UA_3 = U$  by Lemma 4.2 which proves the claim. Then (2) and (3) are consequences of (1) by Lemma 4.4. This concludes the proof of the theorem.

We now let  $w^+ = s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3$ , and  $w^- = s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1} \in A_4$ . We recall that  $U_0 = A_3u_3A_3 + A_3u_3u_2u_3A_3 \subset A_4$  is a sub-bimodule, and let  $U^+ = A_3w^+ + U_0$ .

Let  $w_0 = s_3s_2s_2^2s_3$ . It is classical that, already in the braid group  $B_4$ ,  $w_0$  commutes with  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ . Thus clearly  $A_3w_0A_3 = A_3w_0$  and  $A_3w_0^{-1}A_3 = A_3w_0^{-1}$ . The lemma below thus provides another explanation of Lemma 4.4 above.

**Lemma 4.6.** (1)  $w_0 \in A_3^\times w^+ + U_0$ ,  $w_0^{-1} \in A_3^\times w^- + U_0$   
 (2)  $U^+ = A_3w_0 + U_0$   
 (3)  $s_3A_3s_3^{-1} \subset U_0$ ,  $s_3^{-1}A_3s_3 \subset U_0$   
 (4)  $s_3A_3s_3 \subset U^+$ .

**Proof.** We have  $w_0 = s_3(s_2s_2^2s_2)s_3 \in cs_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3 + Rs_3s_2s_1s_2s_3 + Rs_3s_2^2s_3$ . Clearly  $s_3s_2^2s_3 \in U_0$  and  $s_3(s_2s_1s_2)s_3 = s_3(s_1s_2s_1)s_3 = s_1s_3s_2s_3s_1 \in U_0$ . Moreover, by Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4,  $s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3 \in cs_3s_1^{-1}(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1})s_3 + s_3u_1u_2u_1s_3 \subset cs_1^{-1}w^+ + U_0$  and thus  $w_0 \in A_3^\times w^+ + U_0$ . As a consequence,  $w_0^{-1} = s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_1^{-2}s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1} = \Phi(w_0) \in \Phi(A_3^\times)\Phi(w^+) + \Phi(U_0) = A_3^\times w^- + U_0$ , and this proves (1). By definition we have  $U^+ = A_3w^+ + U_0 \subset A_3(A_3^\times w_0 + U_0) + U_0 \subset A_3w_0 + U_0$ , and conversely  $A_3w_0 + U_0 \subset A_3(A_3^\times w^+ + U_0) + U_0 \subset U^+$ ; this proves (2). (3) and (4) are given by the proof of Lemma 4.2.  $\square$

An immediate consequence is the following variation on Theorem 4.1.

**Theorem 4.7.** (1)  $A_4 = A_3 + A_3s_3A_3 + A_3s_3^{-1}A_3 + A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3A_3 + A_3w_0A_3 + A_3w_0^{-1}A_3$   
 (2)  $A_4 = A_3 + A_3s_3A_3 + A_3s_3^{-1}A_3 + A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3A_3 + A_3w_0 + A_3w_0^{-1}$   
 (3)  $A_4 = A_3 + A_3s_3A_3 + A_3s_3^{-1}A_3 + A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3A_3 + w_0A_3 + w_0^{-1}A_3$ .

From this one easily gets the following generating set of  $A_4$  as  $A_3$ -module. Another generating set can be found in [5] §4B.

**Proposition 4.8.** As a left  $A_3$ -module,  $A_4$  is generated by the 27 elements

$$\{1, s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}, s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3, s_3, s_3^{-1}, s_3^{\pm}s_2^{\pm}, s_3^{\pm}s_2^{\pm}s_1^{\pm}, s_3^{\pm}s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}, s_3s_2^{-1}s_3, s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{\pm}, s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1s_2^{-1}s_1, s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{\pm}s_2^{\pm}\}.$$

**Proof.** We denote  $S$  the set of 27 elements of the statement and  $L$  its span as an  $A_3$ -module. We have  $A_4 = A_3 + A_3s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1} + A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3 + A_3s_3A_3 + A_3s_3^{-1}A_3 + A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3A_3$  by Theorem 4.1, and clearly  $A_3 + A_3s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1} + A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3 \subset L$ . Moreover, since  $A_3 = A_2 + A_2s_2A_2 + A_2s_2^{-1}A_2 + A_2s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}$  we have

$$A_3s_3^{\alpha}A_3 = A_3s_3^{\alpha} + \sum_{\substack{\varepsilon \in \{-1, 0, 1\} \\ \beta \in \{-1, 1\}}} A_3s_3^{\alpha}s_2^{\beta}s_1^{\varepsilon} + A_3s_3^{\alpha}s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1} \subset L$$

for any  $\alpha \in \{-1, 1\}$ . It remains to prove  $A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3A_3 \subset L$ . Since  $A_3 = A_2 + A_2s_2A_2 + A_2s_2^{-1}A_2 + s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}A_2$ , we have  $A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3A_3 = A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3A_2 + A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3A_2s_2^{-1}A_2 + A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3A_2s_2A_2 + A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}A_2$ . Clearly  $A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3A_2$  is  $A_3$ -spanned by the  $s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{\varepsilon}$  for  $\varepsilon \in \{0, 1, -1\}$  hence  $A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3A_2 \subset L$ . Now  $s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1} \in s_2^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_3 + u_2u_3 + u_3u_2$  by Lemma 3.5, hence  $A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}A_2 \subset A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1s_2^{-1}A_2 + A_3u_3u_2s_1s_2^{-1}A_2 + A_3u_3s_1s_2^{-1}A_2$ , that is

$$A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}A_2 \subset A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1s_2^{-1}A_2 + A_3u_3A_3$$

We thus only need to show  $A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3A_2s_2^{\beta}A_2 \subset L$  for  $\beta \in \{-1, 1\}$ . This module is  $A_3$ -spanned by the  $s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{\alpha}s_2^{\beta}s_1^{\gamma}$  for  $\alpha, \gamma \in \{0, 1, -1\}$ . The elements belong to  $S$  when  $\gamma = 0$ , so we can assume  $\gamma \in \{-1, 1\}$ . When  $\alpha = 0$ , in case  $\beta = 1$  we have  $s_3(s_2^{-1}s_3s_2)s_1^{\gamma} = s_3s_3s_2s_3^{-1}s_1^{\gamma} \in u_3s_2s_3^{-1}s_1^{\gamma}$ . This latter module is spanned by the  $s_3^{\varepsilon}s_2s_3^{-1}s_1^{\gamma}$  for  $\varepsilon \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ . In case  $\varepsilon = 0$  such an element belongs to  $A_3u_3A_3 \subset L$ ; when  $\varepsilon = 1$  we can use  $(s_3s_2s_3^{-1})s_1^{\gamma} = s_2^{-1}s_3s_2s_1^{\gamma} \in A_3s_3s_2s_1^{\gamma} \in L$ ; when  $\varepsilon = -1$  we have  $s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_1^{\gamma} \in A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{\gamma}$  by Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4, and  $s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{\gamma} \in S$ . We can thus assume  $\alpha \neq 0$ .

We consider first the case  $\gamma = -\alpha$ . We have  $s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{\alpha}s_2^{\beta}s_1^{-\alpha} = s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_2^{-\alpha}s_1^{\beta}s_2^{\alpha}$ . Then, either  $\alpha = 1$  and, by Lemma 3.5,

$$(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1})s_1^{\beta}s_2 \in s_2^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{\beta}s_2 + u_2u_3s_1^{\beta}s_2 + u_3u_2s_1^{\beta}s_2 \subset L,$$

or  $\alpha = -1$  and  $s_3(s_2^{-1}s_3s_2)s_1^{\beta}s_2^{-1} = s_3s_3s_2s_3^{-1}s_1^{\beta}s_2^{-1} \in u_3s_2s_3^{-1}s_1^{\beta}s_2^{-1}$ . This latter module is spanned by the  $s_3^{\varepsilon}s_2s_3^{-1}s_1^{\beta}s_2^{-1}$  which clearly belong to  $L$  for  $\varepsilon = 0$  and, because of  $s_3s_2s_3^{-1} = s_2^{-1}s_3s_2$ , for  $\varepsilon = 1$ ; in case  $\varepsilon = -1$  it is readily shown to belong to  $L$  by Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4 applied to  $s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}$ .

We can now assume  $\gamma = \alpha$ . In case  $\beta = \alpha = \gamma$ , we have  $s_3s_2^{-1}s_3(s_1^{\alpha}s_2^{\alpha}s_1^{\alpha}) = s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_2^{\alpha}s_1^{\alpha}s_2^{\alpha}$  and, when  $\alpha = 1$  we have  $s_3(s_2^{-1}s_3s_2)s_1s_2 = s_3s_3s_2s_3^{-1}s_1s_2 \in u_3s_2s_3^{-1}s_1s_2 \subset L$  by similar arguments as for  $u_3s_2s_3^{-1}s_1^{\beta}s_2^{-1}$ ; when  $\alpha = -1$ , we have, by Lemma 3.5,

$$(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1})s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1} \in s_2^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1} + u_3u_2s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1} + u_2u_3s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1} \subset L$$

We thus only need to consider the  $s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{\alpha}s_2^{-\alpha}s_1^{\alpha}$ . By Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4, we have  $s_1^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1} \in s_2(s_1s_2^{-1}s_1) + u_2u_1u_2$ , and  $s_3s_2^{-1}s_3u_2u_1u_2$  belongs to the  $A_3$ -span of our list by our previous arguments. It follows that it only remains to consider  $s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1s_2^{-1}s_1$ , which belongs to our list, and  $s_3(s_2^{-1}s_3s_2)s_1s_2^{-1}s_1 = s_3^2s_2s_3^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_1$ , which lies in the linear span of the  $s_3^{\varepsilon}s_2s_3^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_1$  for  $\varepsilon \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ . Clearly this element belongs to  $L$  in case  $\varepsilon = 0$ , when  $\varepsilon = 1$  it also belongs to  $L$  because of  $(s_3s_2s_3^{-1})s_1s_2^{-1}s_1 = s_2^{-1}s_3s_2s_1s_2^{-1}s_1 \in A_3u_3A_3 \subset L$ , and when  $\varepsilon = -1$  Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4 applied to  $s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}$  show that

$$s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_1 \in A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1s_2^{-1}s_1 + A_3u_3A_3 \subset L,$$

and this concludes the proof.  $\square$

For subsequent use we prove here the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.9.**  $w_0^2 \in A_3^{\times}w_0^{-1} + U^{+}$ .

**Proof.** We have  $w_0^2 = s_3s_2(s_1^2)s_2s_3^2s_2s_1^2s_2s_3 \in R^{\times}s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^2s_2s_1^2s_2s_3 + Rs_3s_2s_1s_2s_3^2s_2s_1^2s_2s_3 + Rs_3s_2^2s_3^2s_2s_1^2s_2s_3$ , and  $s_3(s_2s_1s_2)s_2^2s_2s_1^2s_2s_3 = s_3s_1s_2s_1s_2^2s_2s_1^2s_2s_3 = s_1(s_3s_2s_3)s_3s_1s_2s_1^2s_2s_3 = s_1s_2(s_3s_2s_3)s_1s_2s_1^2s_2s_3 = s_1s_2s_2s_3s_2s_1s_2s_1^2s_2s_3 \in U_0^{+}$  by Lemma 4.6, while  $s_3s_2^2(s_3^2)s_2s_1^2s_2s_3 \in Rs_3s_2^2s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^2s_2s_3 + Rs_3s_2^2s_3s_2s_1^2s_2s_3 + Rs_3s_2^2s_2s_1^2s_2s_3$ , clearly  $s_3s_2^2s_2s_1^2s_2s_3 \in U^{+}$  by Lemma 4.6,

$$\begin{aligned} s_3s_2^2s_3s_2s_1^2s_2s_3 &= s_3s_2(s_2s_3s_2)s_1^2s_2s_3 = s_3s_2s_3s_2s_3s_1^2s_2s_3 \\ &= (s_3s_2s_3)s_2s_1^2(s_3s_2s_3) = s_2s_3s_2s_2s_1^2s_2s_3s_2 \in U^{+} \end{aligned}$$



by Lemma 4.6, and finally

$$(s_3 s_2 s_3^{-1}) s_2 s_1^2 s_2 s_3 = s_2^{-1} (s_3^2) s_2^2 s_1^2 s_2 s_3 \in R s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2^2 s_1^2 s_2 s_3 + R s_2^{-1} s_3 s_2^2 s_1^2 s_2 s_3 + R s_2 s_1^2 s_2 s_3 \subset U^+$$

by Lemma 4.6. Thus,  $w_0^2 \in R^\times s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^2 s_2 s_1^2 s_2 s_3 + U^+$ . Now,  $s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^2 s_2 (s_1^2) s_2 s_3 \in R^\times s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^2 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 + R s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^2 s_2 s_1 s_2 s_3 + R s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^2 s_2^2 s_3$ . We have  $s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^2 (s_2 s_1 s_2) s_3 = s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^2 s_1 s_2 s_3 s_1 = s_3 s_2 (s_1^{-1} s_2 s_1) s_3^2 s_2 s_3 s_1 = s_3 s_2 s_1 (s_2^{-1} s_3^2 s_2) s_3 s_1 = s_3 s_2^2 s_1 s_3 s_2^2 s_3^{-1} s_3 s_1 = s_3 s_2^2 s_1 s_3 s_2^2 s_1 \in U^+$  by Lemma 4.6. Now  $s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 (s_3^2) s_2^2 s_3 \in R s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_2^2 s_3 + R s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_2^2 s_3 + R s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2^3 s_3$ ; we have  $s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2^3 s_3 \in U^+$  by Lemma 4.6,  $s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_2^2 s_3 = s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} (s_2 s_3 s_2) s_2 s_3 = s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_3 s_2 s_3 s_2 s_3 = (s_3 s_2 s_3) s_1^{-1} s_2 (s_3 s_2 s_3) = s_2 s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_2 s_3 s_2 \in U^+$  by Lemma 4.6, and  $s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 (s_3^{-1} s_2^2 s_3) = s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_2 s_3^2 s_2^{-1} \in s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2^2 s_2 (R + R s_3 + R s_3^{-1}) s_2^{-1} \subset U^+$  by Lemma 4.6.

Thus  $w_0^2 \in R^\times s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^2 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 + U^+$ . Now,

$$s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 (s_3^2) s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 \in R^\times s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 + R s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 + R s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2^2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3$$

We have  $s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} (s_2 s_3 s_2) s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 = s_2 s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_2 \in U^+$  by Lemma 4.6,  $s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2^2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 \in U^+$  by Lemma 4.6, hence  $w_0^2 \in R^\times s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 + U^+$ . Using  $s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 \in A_2^\times s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} + u_1 u_2 u_1$  (see Lemmas 2.4 and 2.3), we get  $s_3 (s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2) s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 \in A_2^\times s_3 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 + s_3 u_1 u_2 u_1 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3$ . Since

$$s_3 u_1 u_2 u_1 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 = u_1 (s_3 u_2 s_3^{-1}) u_1 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 \subset u_1 s_2^{-1} u_3 s_2 u_1 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 \subset U^+$$

by Lemma 4.6, we have  $w_0^2 \in A_2^\times s_3 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 + U^+$ . Now  $s_3 s_2^{-1} s_1 (s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2) s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 = s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_2^2 s_1^{-1} s_1^{-1} s_3 s_2^{-1}$  and, using  $s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 \in u_2^\times s_3^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} + u_2 u_3 u_2$ , we get

$$s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_2^2 s_1^{-1} s_1^{-1} s_3 s_2^{-1} \in u_2^\times s_3^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_2^2 s_1^{-1} s_1^{-1} s_3 s_2^{-1} + u_2 u_3 u_2 s_2^2 s_1^{-1} s_1^{-1} s_3 s_2^{-1}$$

We have  $u_2 u_3 u_2 s_2^2 s_1^{-1} s_1^{-1} s_3 s_2^{-1} \in U^+$  by Lemma 4.6, and

$$s_3^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_1^2 s_2^{-1} s_1^{-1} s_3 s_2^{-1} = s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^2 (s_3^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_3) s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1} = s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^2 s_2 s_3^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1}$$

Thus  $w_0^2 \in A_3^\times s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^2 s_2 s_3^{-1} (s_2^{-1} s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1}) + U^+$ . Since  $s_3^{-1} s_2 (s_1^2) s_2 s_3^{-1} \in R^\times s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} + R s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1 s_2 s_3^{-1} + R s_3^{-1} s_2^2 s_3^{-1}$  and clearly  $s_3^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} \in U_0$ ,  $s_3^{-1} (s_2 s_1 s_2) s_3^{-1} = s_3^{-1} s_1 s_2 s_1 s_3^{-1} = s_1 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_1 \in U_0$ , we have  $w_0^2 \in A_3^\times w_0^{-1} (s_2^{-1} s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1}) + U^+$ , hence  $w_0^2 \in A_3^\times w_0^{-1} (s_2^{-1} s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1}) + U^+$  by Lemma 4.6(1). Since  $w_0$  commutes with  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  this yields  $w_0^2 \in A_3^\times w_0^{-1} + U^+$ .  $\square$

## 5. The algebra $A_4$ as a $\langle s_1, s_3 \rangle$ (bi)module

Let  $B = \langle s_1, s_3 \rangle$  denote the subalgebra (with 1) of  $A_4$  generated by  $s_1$  and  $s_3$ . In order to describe  $A_5$  as an  $A_4$ -module we will need the description of  $A_4$  as a  $B$ -module, that we do in this section. Note that this will provide another proof of the conjecture of [6] for  $A_4$ .

First note that there are three automorphisms or skew-automorphisms of the pair  $(A_4, B)$ : in addition to the automorphism  $\Phi$  and the skew-automorphism  $\Psi$ , there is the automorphism  $\text{Ad } \Delta : x \mapsto \Delta x \Delta^{-1}$ , where  $\Delta$  is the image in  $A_4$  of Garside's  $\Delta$  in the braid group on 4 strands, that is  $\Delta = s_1 s_2 s_3 s_1 s_2 s_1 = s_1 (s_2 s_3 s_1 s_2) s_1$ ; this automorphism exchanges  $s_1$  and  $s_3$  and fixes  $s_2$ .

We denote  $A_4^{[0]} = B$ ,  $A_4^{[n+1]} = A_4^{[n]} u_2 B = A_4^{[n]} + A_4^{[n]} s_2 B + A_4^{[n]} s_2^{-1} B$ , and in particular  $A_4^{[1]} = B + B s_2 B + B s_2^{-1} B$ . We first prove several lemmas.

**Lemma 5.1.** (1) For  $i, j \in \{1, 3\}$  we have  $u_2 u_i u_2 u_j u_2 \subset A_4^{[2]}$ .

(2) For  $i, j, k \in \{1, 3\}$  we have  $u_2 u_i u_2 u_j u_k u_2 \subset A_4^{[2]}$  and  $u_2 u_i u_j u_2 u_k u_2 \subset A_4^{[2]}$ .

**Proof.** We prove (1). If  $i = j$ , up to applying  $\text{Ad } \Delta$  we can assume  $i = j = 1$  and the statement is a consequence of the study of  $A_3$ , as  $u_2 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_2 \subset A_3 \subset u_1 u_2 u_1 u_2 + u_1 u_2 u_1$ . Thus we can assume  $i \neq j$ , and by using  $\text{Ad } \Delta$  and  $\Psi$  we only need to consider  $X = s_2^\alpha s_1^\beta s_3^\gamma s_2^\varepsilon$  with  $\alpha, \dots, \varepsilon \in \{-1, 1\}$ . If  $\alpha = -\gamma$  or  $\gamma = -\varepsilon$ , then we get  $X \in A_4^{[2]}$  by using  $s_2^\alpha s_1^\beta s_2^{-\alpha} = s_1^{-\alpha} s_2^\beta s_1^\alpha$  and  $s_2^\gamma s_3^\delta s_2^{-\gamma} = s_3^{-\gamma} s_2^\delta s_3^\gamma$ . Up to applying  $\Phi$  we can thus assume  $\alpha = \gamma = \varepsilon = 1$ , that is  $X = s_2 s_1^\beta s_2 s_3^\delta s_2$ . If  $\beta = 1$  or  $\delta = 1$  we get  $X \in A_4^{[2]}$  by  $s_2 s_1 s_2 = s_1 s_2 s_1$  and  $s_2 s_3 s_2 = s_3 s_2 s_3$ . One can thus assume  $X = s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_2$ . By Lemmas 2.4 and 2.3 we have  $s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 \in u_1^\times s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} + u_1 u_2 u_1$  hence  $X \in u_1^\times s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_2 + A_4^{[2]}$  and  $s_2^{-1} s_1 (s_2^{-1} s_3 s_2) = s_2^{-1} s_1 s_3 s_2 s_3^{-1} \in A_4^{[2]}$ , and this concludes the proof of (1).

We prove (2). Up to applying  $\Psi$  we can confine ourselves to prove  $u_2 u_i u_2 u_j u_k u_2 \subset A_4^{[2]}$ . By (1) and  $u_j^2 = u_j$ ,  $u_k^2 = u_k$  we can assume  $j \neq k$ , that is  $\{j, k\} = \{1, 3\}$ . Up to applying  $\text{Ad } \Delta$  we can assume  $i = 1$ , hence we want to prove  $u_2 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 \subset A_4^{[2]}$ . We have  $u_2 u_1 u_2 u_1 \subset A_3 = u_1 u_2 u_1 u_2 + u_1 u_2 u_1$  hence  $u_2 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 \subset u_1 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_2 + u_1 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 \subset A_4^{[2]}$  by (1).  $\square$

**Lemma 5.2.**

$$A_4^{[3]} \subset A_4^{[2]} + \sum_{\alpha, \beta \in \{-1, 1\}} B s_2^\alpha (s_1 s_3^{-1})^\beta s_2^\alpha (s_1 s_3^{-1})^\beta s_2^\alpha B + \sum_{\alpha, \beta \in \{-1, 1\}} B s_2^\alpha (s_1 s_3)^\beta s_2^{-\beta} (s_1 s_3)^\beta s_2^\alpha B$$

**Proof.** We only need to prove that all the terms of the form  $s_2^{\alpha\beta_1} s_3^{\beta_3} s_2^{\gamma\delta_1} s_3^{\delta_3} s_2^{\varepsilon}$  belong to the RHS, as all the over natural linear generators of  $A_4^{[3]}$  belong to  $A_4^{[2]}$  by Lemma 5.1. We remark that the RHS is stable under  $\Phi$ ,  $\Psi$  and  $\text{Ad } \Delta$ . We first assume  $\beta_1 = -\delta_1$ . Then

$$s_2^{\alpha\beta_1} s_3^{\beta_3} s_2^{\gamma\delta_1} s_3^{\delta_3} s_2^{\varepsilon} = s_2^{\alpha\beta_3} (s_1^{\beta_1} s_2^{\gamma} s_1^{-\beta_1}) s_3^{\delta_3} s_2^{\varepsilon} = s_2^{\alpha\beta_3} s_2^{-\beta_1} s_1^{\beta_1} s_3^{\delta_3} s_2^{\varepsilon}$$

If  $\alpha = \beta_1$  or  $\varepsilon = -\beta_1$ , such a term belongs to  $A_4^{[2]}$  by  $s_2^{\alpha\beta_3} s_2^{-\alpha} = s_3^{-\alpha} s_2^{\beta_3} s_3^{\alpha}$  or  $s_2^{-\varepsilon} s_3^{\delta_3} s_2^{\varepsilon} = s_3^{\varepsilon} s_2^{\delta_3} s_3^{-\varepsilon}$  and Lemma 5.1. We thus only need to consider  $X = s_2^{-\beta_1} s_3^{\beta_3} s_2^{-\beta_1} s_1^{\beta_1} s_3^{\delta_3} s_2^{\beta_1}$ . Since  $s_2^{-\beta_1} s_3^{-\beta_1} s_2^{-\beta_1} = s_3^{-\beta_1} s_2^{-\beta_1} s_3^{-\beta_1}$  and  $s_2^{\beta_1} s_3^{\beta_1} s_2^{\beta_1} = s_3^{\beta_1} s_2^{\beta_1} s_3^{\beta_1}$ , by Lemma 5.1 we can assume  $\beta_3 = \beta_1$  and  $\delta = -\beta_1$ , that is  $X = s_2^{-\beta_1} s_3^{\beta_1} s_2^{-\beta_1} s_1^{\beta_1} s_3^{-\beta_1} s_2^{\beta_1}$ . By applying  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  we can assume  $X = s_2 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_2^{-1}$ . By Lemma 2.4 we have  $s_2^{-1} s_3 s_2^{-1} \in s_2 s_3^{-1} s_2 u_3^{\times} + u_3 u_2 u_3$  hence  $s_2 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1 (s_2^{-1} s_3 s_2^{-1}) \in s_2 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1 s_2 s_3^{-1} s_2 u_3^{\times} + s_2 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1 u_3 u_2 u_3$ . We have  $s_2 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 \subset A_4^{[2]}$  by Lemma 5.1 and  $s_2 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1 s_2 s_3^{-1} s_2$  belongs to the RHS, which concludes this case.

The case  $\beta_3 = -\delta_3$  is a consequence of the previous case by applying  $\text{Ad } \Delta$ . We thus only need to consider  $X = s_2^{\alpha\beta_3} s_1^{\beta_1} s_2^{\gamma\delta_1} s_3^{\beta_3} s_2^{\varepsilon}$ . First assume  $\gamma = \beta_1$ . Then  $X = s_2^{\alpha\beta_3} (s_1^{\gamma} s_2^{\gamma} s_1^{\gamma}) s_3^{\beta_3} s_2^{\varepsilon} = s_2^{\alpha\beta_3} s_2^{\gamma} s_1^{\gamma} s_2^{\gamma} s_3^{\beta_3} s_2^{\varepsilon}$  belongs as before to  $A_4^{[2]}$  by Lemma 5.1 and elementary transformations, unless  $\varepsilon = \gamma$ ,  $\alpha = \gamma$ , and then  $\beta_3 = -\gamma$ . In that case  $X = s_2^{\alpha\gamma} (s_2^{\alpha} s_1^{\alpha} s_2^{\alpha}) s_3^{-\alpha} s_2^{\alpha} = s_2^{\alpha\gamma} s_1^{\alpha} s_2^{\alpha} s_1^{\alpha} s_3^{-\alpha} s_2^{\alpha}$  belongs to the RHS. We can thus assume  $\gamma \neq \beta_1$  and, applying  $\text{Ad } \Delta$ ,  $\gamma \neq \beta_3$ , hence we can assume  $\beta_1 = \beta_3 = -\gamma$ . Then  $X = s_2^{\alpha\gamma} s_1^{\gamma} s_2^{-\gamma} s_1^{\gamma} s_3^{\gamma} s_2^{\varepsilon}$ , which belongs to the RHS, and this concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.3.** Let  $\alpha, \beta, \varepsilon \in \{-1, 1\}$ . Then  $s_2^{\alpha} (s_1 s_3)^{\beta} s_2^{-\beta} (s_1 s_3)^{\varepsilon} s_2^{\varepsilon}$  belongs to

$$A_4^{[2]} + \sum_{\delta \in \{-1, 1\}} B s_2^{\delta} (s_1 s_3)^{\delta} s_2^{-\delta} (s_1 s_3)^{\delta} s_2^{\delta} B + \sum_{\delta \in \{-1, 1\}} B s_2^{-\delta} (s_1 s_3)^{\delta} s_2^{-\delta} (s_1 s_3)^{\delta} s_2^{-\delta} B$$

**Proof.** First assume  $\alpha = \beta$ . Then  $X = s_2^{\beta} s_1^{\beta} s_2^{\beta} s_3^{-\beta} s_1^{\beta} (s_1^{\varepsilon} s_2^{\varepsilon} s_1^{\varepsilon}) s_3^{\beta} = s_2^{\beta} s_1^{\beta} (s_3^{\beta} s_2^{-\beta} s_3^{-\beta}) s_1^{\varepsilon} s_2^{\varepsilon} s_1^{\varepsilon} \in s_2^{\beta} s_1^{\beta} s_2^{-\beta} s_3^{\beta} s_2^{-\beta} s_3^{\beta} s_1^{\varepsilon} s_2^{\varepsilon} s_1^{\varepsilon} + s_2^{\beta} s_1^{\beta} u_2 u_3 s_1^{\varepsilon} s_2^{\varepsilon} s_1^{\varepsilon} + s_2^{\beta} s_1^{\beta} u_3 u_2 s_1^{\varepsilon} s_2^{\varepsilon} s_1^{\varepsilon}$  by Lemma 3.5. Now  $s_2^{\beta} s_1^{\beta} u_2 u_3 s_1^{\varepsilon} s_2^{\varepsilon} s_1^{\varepsilon} \subset A_4^{[2]}$  and  $s_2^{\beta} s_1^{\beta} u_3 u_2 s_1^{\varepsilon} s_2^{\varepsilon} s_1^{\varepsilon} \subset A_4^{[2]}$  by Lemma 5.1. We thus only need to consider

$$X = (s_2^{\beta} s_1^{\beta} s_2^{-\beta}) s_3^{\beta} s_2^{-\beta} s_3^{\beta} s_1^{\varepsilon} s_2^{\varepsilon} = s_1^{-\beta} s_2^{\beta} s_1^{\beta} s_3^{\beta} s_2^{-\beta} s_3^{\beta} s_1^{\varepsilon} s_2^{\varepsilon}$$

hence, if  $\varepsilon = -\beta$ , we get

$$X = s_1^{-\beta} s_2^{\beta} s_3^{\beta} (s_1^{\beta} s_2^{-\beta} s_1^{-\beta}) s_3^{\beta} s_2^{\beta} = s_1^{-\beta} s_2^{\beta} s_3^{\beta} s_2^{-\beta} s_1^{-\beta} (s_2^{\beta} s_3^{\beta} s_2^{\beta}) = s_1^{-\beta} s_2^{\beta} s_3^{\beta} s_2^{-\beta} s_1^{-\beta} s_3^{\beta} s_2^{\beta} s_3^{\beta} \in A_4^{[2]}$$

by Lemma 5.1. We can thus assume  $\varepsilon = \beta$ , in which case  $X$  clearly belongs to the space we want.

This concludes the case  $\alpha = \beta$ , hence also the case  $\varepsilon = \beta$  by application of  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$ . Thus we can assume  $\alpha = -\beta = \varepsilon$ , and the conclusion is clear in this case.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.4.** For  $\alpha, \beta \in \{-1, 1\}$ , we have

$$s_2^{\alpha} (s_1 s_3^{-1})^{\beta} s_2^{\alpha} (s_1 s_3^{-1})^{\beta} s_2^{\alpha} \in A_4^{[2]} + \sum_{\delta \in \{-1, 1\}} B s_2^{\delta} (s_1 s_3)^{\delta} s_2^{-\delta} (s_1 s_3)^{\delta} s_2^{\delta} B$$

**Proof.** The RHS is stable under  $\text{Ad } \Delta$  and  $\Phi$ , hence we can assume  $\alpha = \beta = 1$ , and thus we only need to consider  $X = s_2 s_1 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1 s_3^{-1} s_2 = s_2 s_1 (s_3^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1}) s_1 s_2 \in s_2 s_1 u_2 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_1 s_2 + s_2 s_1 u_2 u_3 u_2 s_1 s_2$  by Lemmas 2.4 and 2.3. We have

$$s_2 s_1 u_2 u_3 u_2 s_1 s_2 \subset \sum_{a \in \{0, 1, -1\}} s_2 s_1 s_2^a u_3 u_2 s_1 s_2$$

and,

- if  $a = 0$  we have  $s_2 s_1 u_3 u_2 s_1 s_2 \subset A_4^{[2]}$  by Lemma 5.1;
- if  $a = 1$  we have  $(s_2 s_1 s_2) u_3 u_2 s_1 s_2 = s_1 s_2 s_1 u_3 u_2 s_1 s_2 \subset A_4^{[2]}$  by Lemma 5.1;
- if  $a = -1$  we have  $(s_2 s_1 s_2^{-1}) u_3 u_2 s_1 s_2 = s_1^{-1} s_2 s_1 u_3 u_2 s_1 s_2 \subset A_4^{[2]}$  by Lemma 5.1

hence  $X \in s_2 s_1 u_2 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_1 s_2 + A_4^{[2]}$ . The module  $s_2 s_1 u_2 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_1 s_2$  is  $R$ -spanned by the  $Y(a) = s_2 s_1 s_2^a s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_1 s_2$  for  $a \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ . We have  $Y(0) = s_2 s_1 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_1 s_2 \in \text{RHS}$ ,  $Y(1) = (s_2 s_1 s_2) s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_1 s_2 = s_1 s_2 s_1 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_1 s_2 \in \text{RHS}$  and

$$Y(-1) = (s_2 s_1 s_2^{-1}) s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_1 s_2 = s_1^{-1} s_2 s_1 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_1 s_2 \in \text{RHS},$$

and this concludes the proof.  $\square$

In the braid group on 4 strands, we have

$$\Delta = (s_1 s_2 s_3)(s_1 s_2) s_1 = (s_1 s_3)(s_2 s_1 s_3 s_2) = (s_2 s_1 s_3 s_2)(s_1 s_3)$$

hence the same equalities hold in  $A_4$ . In the remaining part of this section, we let  $s = s_2$ ,  $p = s_1 s_3 = s_3 s_1$ , hence  $\Delta = spsp = psp$ . Note that  $\Delta p = p\Delta$ ,  $\Delta s = s\Delta$ . It follows that  $\Delta^2 = p.sps.\Delta = p.\Delta.sps = p(psp)sps = p^2.sps^2ps$ ,  $\Delta^3 = p^2.sps^2ps.\Delta = p^2.\Delta.sps^2ps = p^3.sps^2ps^2p$ , and  $\Delta^4 = p^4.sps^2ps^2ps^2ps$ .

We thus have  $\Delta^2 = p^2.sps^2ps$  hence  $p^{-2}\Delta^2 \in R^\times sps^{-1}ps + Rpsps + Rsp^2s$  and we know  $sp^2s \in A_4^{[2]}$ ,  $(spsp)s = psp^2s \in A_4^{[2]}$  by Lemma 5.1. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (*) \quad p^{-2}\Delta^2 &\in R^\times sps^{-1}ps + Rpsps^2 + Rsp^2s \\ p^{-2}\Delta^2 &\in R^\times sps^{-1}ps + A_4^{[2]} \end{aligned}$$

Applying  $\Phi$ , we have  $\Phi(\Delta) = \Phi(s_1 s_2 s_3 s_1 s_2 s_1) = s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_1^{-1} = (s_1 s_2 s_1 s_3 s_2 s_1)^{-1} = \Delta^{-1}$ , hence, since  $\Phi(p) = p^{-1}$ ,

$$(*) \quad p^{-2}\Delta^2 \in R^\times s^{-1}p^{-1}sp^{-1}s^{-1} + A_4^{[2]}$$

**Lemma 5.5.** (1)  $s_2^{-1}ps_2^{-1}ps_2^{-1}.s_1^{-1} \in u_1^\times s_2p^{-1}s_2p^{-1}s_2 + A_4^{[2]}$

(2)  $s_2^{-1}ps_2^{-1}ps_2^{-1}B \subset Bs_2p^{-1}s_2p^{-1}s_2 + Bs_2^{-1}ps_2^{-1}ps_2^{-1} + A_4^{[2]}$

(3)  $s_2p^{-1}s_2p^{-1}s_2B \subset Bs_2p^{-1}s_2p^{-1}s_2 + Bs_2^{-1}ps_2^{-1}ps_2^{-1} + A_4^{[2]}$ .

**Proof.**  $X = s_2^{-1}ps_2^{-1}ps_2^{-1}.s_1^{-1} = s_2^{-1}ps_2^{-1}s_3(s_1s_2^{-1}.s_1^{-1}) = s_2^{-1}ps_2^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_2 = s_2^{-1}s_1(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1})s_1^{-1}s_2 \in s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{-1}s_2 + s_2^{-1}s_1u_2u_3s_1^{-1}s_2 + s_2^{-1}s_1u_3u_2s_1^{-1}s_2$  by Lemma 3.5. We have  $s_2^{-1}s_1u_2u_3s_1^{-1}s_2 \subset A_4^{[2]}$  and  $s_2^{-1}s_1u_3u_2s_1^{-1}s_2 \subset A_4^{[2]}$  by Lemma 5.1, hence

$$\begin{aligned} X &\in (s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1})s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{-1}s_2 + A_4^{[2]} \\ &\subset u_1^\times s_2s_1^{-1}(s_2s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{-1}s_2 + u_1u_2u_1s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{-1}s_2 + A_4^{[2]}) \\ &\subset u_1^\times s_2s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2s_3s_1^{-1}s_2 + u_1u_2u_1s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{-1}s_2 + A_4^{[2]} \\ &\subset u_1^\times s_2s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2p^{-1}s_2 + u_1s_2s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2s_3s_1^{-1}s_2 + u_1s_2s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2 + u_1u_2u_1s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{-1}s_2 + A_4^{[2]} \end{aligned}$$

We know  $s_2s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2 \in A_4^{[2]}$  by Lemma 5.1,  $s_2s_1^{-1}(s_3^{-1}s_2s_3)s_1^{-1}s_2 = s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3(s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_2) = s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_1s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1} \in A_4^{[2]}$  by Lemma 5.1, and  $u_2u_1s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{-1}s_2 = u_2s_3u_1s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3s_2$  is the sum of  $u_2s_3s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3s_2 \subset A_4^{[2]}$  (by Lemma 5.1) and of the  $u_2s_3s_1^\alpha s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3s_2$  for  $\alpha \in \{-1, 1\}$ . Since  $u_2s_3(s_1^\alpha s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1})s_3s_2 = u_2s_3s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}(s_2^\alpha s_3s_2) = u_2s_3s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3s_2s_3^\alpha \subset A_4^{[2]}$  by Lemma 5.1, and this proves (1). To get (2) from (1), we use  $s_2^{-1}ps_2^{-1}ps_2^{-1}.s_1^{-1} \in u_3^\times s_2p^{-1}s_2p^{-1}s_2^{-1} + A_4^{[2]}$ , that we get from (1) by applying  $\text{Ad } \Delta$ , and the fact that  $B$  is generated as a unital  $R$ -algebra by  $s_1^{-1}$  and  $s_3^{-1}$ . This proves (2), and then (3) follows from (2) by a direct application of  $\Phi$ .  $\square$

From all this we deduce the following.

**Lemma 5.6.** (1)  $A_4^{[3]} = A_4^{[2]} + \sum_{\delta \in \{-1, 1\}} Bs^\delta p^\delta s^{-\delta} p^\delta s^\delta + \sum_{\delta \in \{-1, 1\}} Bs^{-\delta} p^\delta s^{-\delta} p^\delta s^{-\delta}$

(2)  $A_4 = A_4^{[3]}$ .

**Proof.** As a consequence of Lemmas 5.2 and 5.3, we get

$$A_4^{[3]} = A_4^{[2]} + \sum_{\delta \in \{-1, 1\}} Bs^\delta p^\delta s^{-\delta} p^\delta s^\delta B + \sum_{\delta \in \{-1, 1\}} Bs^{-\delta} p^\delta s^{-\delta} p^\delta s^{-\delta} B$$

We know  $s^{-\delta}p^\delta s^{-\delta}p^\delta s^{-\delta}B \subset A_4^{[2]} + \sum_{\varepsilon \in \{-1, 1\}} Bs^{-\varepsilon}p^\varepsilon s^{-\varepsilon}p^\varepsilon s^{-\varepsilon}$  by Lemma 5.5 hence

$$A_4^{[3]} = A_4^{[2]} + \sum_{\delta \in \{-1, 1\}} Bs^{-\delta}p^\delta s^{-\delta}p^\delta s^{-\delta} + \sum_{\delta \in \{-1, 1\}} Bs^\delta p^\delta s^{-\delta}p^\delta s^\delta B$$

and finally  $s^\delta p^\delta s^{-\delta}p^\delta s^\delta \in R^\times p^{-\delta}\Delta^{2\delta} + A_4^{[2]}$  by (\*), hence  $s^\delta p^\delta s^{-\delta}p^\delta s^\delta B \subset p^{-\delta}\Delta^{2\delta}B + A_4^{[2]} = p^{-\delta}B\Delta^{2\delta} + A_4^{[2]} = B\Delta^{2\delta} + A_4^{[2]} \subset Bs^\delta p^\delta s^{-\delta}p^\delta s^\delta + A_4^{[2]}$  and this concludes the proof of (1). Now  $A_4^{[3]}$  is an  $R$ -submodule of  $A_4$  which contains 1, which is stable under right-multiplication by  $s_1$  and  $s_3$  by definition. Moreover, in view of (1), we have

$$A_4^{[3]}s_2 \subset A_4^{[2]}s + \sum_{\delta \in \{-1, 1\}} Bs^\delta p^\delta s^{-\delta}p^\delta s^\delta s + \sum_{\delta \in \{-1, 1\}} Bs^{-\delta}p^\delta s^{-\delta}p^\delta s^{-\delta}s \subset A_4^{[3]}$$

hence  $A_4^{[3]}$  is also stable under right multiplication by  $s_2$ , hence it is a right-ideal of  $A_4$  containing 1, hence (2).  $\square$

We let  $x_\pm = s^\pm p^\pm s^\mp p^\pm s^\pm$  and  $y_\pm = s^\pm p^\mp s^\pm p^\mp s^\pm$ .

**Lemma 5.7.** (1)  $sBsps \subset A_4^{[2]}$

(2)  $sBs^{-1}ps \subset Rps^{-1}psA_4^{[2]}$ .

**Proof.** The  $R$ -module  $sBsps$  is spanned by  $s^2ps \in A_4^{[2]}$ , the  $ss_i sps \in A_4^{[2]}$  for  $i \in \{1, 3\}$  by Lemma 5.1,  $s(psp) = s(spsp) = s^2psp \in A_4^{[2]}$ ,  $s_2s_1(s_3^{-1}s_2s_3)s_1s_2 = s_2s_1s_2s_3(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2) = s_2s_1s_2s_3s_1s_2s_1^{-1} \in A_4^{[2]}$  by Lemma 5.1, the image of this latest one by  $\text{Ad } \Delta$ , and by

$$s_2s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2s_3s_1s_2 = s_2s_1^{-1}(s_3^{-1}s_2s_3)s_1s_2 = s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2) = s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_1s_2s_1^{-1} \in A_4^{[2]}$$

by Lemma 5.1, and this proves (1).

Now  $sBs^{-1}ps$  is  $R$ -spanned by  $sps^{-1}ps$  and

- the  $ss^{-1}ps = ps \in A_4^{[2]}$
- the  $ss_i s^{-1}ps \in A_4^{[2]}$  for  $i \in \{1, 3\}$  by Lemma 5.1
- $s_2s_1(s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2 = s_2s_1s_2s_3^{-1}(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2) = s_2s_1s_2s_3^{-1}s_1s_2s_1^{-1} \in A_4^{[2]}$  for  $i \in \{1, 3\}$  by Lemma 5.1
- $\Delta.s_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3s_1s_2\Delta^{-1} \in A_4^{[2]}$
- $s_2s_1^{-1}(s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2 = s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2) = s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_1s_2s_1^{-1} \in A_4^{[2]}$  for  $i \in \{1, 3\}$  by Lemma 5.1

and this proves (2).  $\square$

We want to express  $\Delta^3$  in terms of the  $x_{\pm}$  and  $y_{\pm}$ . We recall that  $\Delta^2 \in R^{\times}p^2sps^{-1}ps + Rp^3sps^2 + Rp^2sp^2s$  hence  $\Delta^3 \in R^{\times}p^2sps^{-1}ps\Delta + Rp^3sps^2\Delta + Rp^2sp^2s\Delta$ . We have

- $sps^{-1}ps\Delta \in Rsp\Delta + Rsp\Delta + Rsp\Delta$  and
  - (1)  $sps^{-1}\Delta = sps^{-1}(spsp) = sp^2sp \in A_4^{[2]}$ ,
  - (2)  $sps\Delta = sps(spsp) = sps^2psp \in R^{\times}sps^{-1}psp + Rsp\Delta + Rsp\Delta$ , and we have  $(spsp)sp = pps^2p \in A_4^{[2]}$ ,  $sp^2sp \in A_4^{[2]}$ , hence  $sps\Delta \in R^{\times}sps^{-1}psp + A_4^{[2]}$ .
  - (3)  $sps^{-1}\Delta = sps^{-1}psp = sp^2sp \in A_4^{[2]}$
 hence  $sps^2\Delta \in R^{\times}sps^{-1}psp + A_4^{[2]}$ .
- $sp^2s\Delta = sp^2s^2psp \in R^{\times}sp^2s^{-1}psp + Rsp^2spsp + Rsp^2psp$ , and  $sp^2(spsp) = sp^2psps = sp^3sps$ ,  $sp^2psp \in A_4^{[2]}$ .

It follows that  $\Delta^3 \in R^{\times}p^2sp^2sp^2s + Rp^3sps^{-1}psp + Rp^2sp^2s^{-1}psp + Rp^2sp^3sps + A_4^{[2]}$ . From (\*) we have  $p^2sps^{-1}ps \in \Delta^2 + A_4^{[2]}$  hence  $p^3sps^{-1}psp \in p\Delta^2p + A_4^{[2]} = p^2\Delta^2 + A_4^{[2]}$  hence  $p^3sps^{-1}psp \in R^{\times}p^4.sps^{-1}ps + A_4^{[2]}$ . By Lemma 5.7, we have  $sp^2s^{-1}ps \in Rx_+ + A_4^{[2]}$  hence  $p^2sp^2s^{-1}psp \in Rp^2x_+p + A_4^{[2]} \subset Bx_+ + A_4^{[2]}$ . Since  $sp^3sps \in A_4^{[2]}$  this leads to

$$\Delta^3 \in R^{\times}p^2sp^2sp^2s + Bx_+ + A_4^{[2]}$$

Since  $s_i^2 = as_i + b + cs_i^{-1}$  we have  $p^2 = s_1^2s_3^2 = (as_1 + b + cs_1^{-1})(as_3 + b + cs_3^{-1}) \in a^2p + c^2p^{-1} + W$  with  $W$  the  $R$ -span of  $s_1s_3^{-1}, s_3s_1^{-1}, s_1, s_3, s_1^{-1}, s_3^{-1}, 1$ . After easy applications of Lemma 5.1 it follows that  $sp^2sp^2s \in c^4sp^{-1}sp^{-1}s + RspBs + RspBs + A_4^{[2]}$ . Since  $spsBs + sBsps \subset A_4^{[2]}$  by Lemma 5.7 we get  $\Delta^3 \in c^4p^2y_+ + Bx_+ + A_4^{[2]}$  and  $\Delta^{-3} = \Phi(\Delta^3) \in c^{-4}p^{-2}y_- + Bx_+ + A_4^{[2]}$ . Now we have  $\Delta^3s_1 = s_3\Delta^3 \in c^4s_3p^2y_+ + Bx_+ + A_4^{[2]}$  and  $\Delta^3s_1 \in c^4p^2y_+s_1 + Bx_+B + A_4^{[2]}$ ,  $\Delta^3s_1 \in c^4p^2u_1^{\times}y_- + Bx_+B + A_4^{[2]}$  by Lemma 5.5 (1),  $\Delta^3s_1 \in c^4p^2u_1^{\times}y_- + Bx_+ + A_4^{[2]}$  by using  $p^{-2}\Delta^2 \in R^{\times}x_+ + A_4^{[2]}$ . It follows that  $c^4s_3p^2y_+ \in c^4p^2u_1^{\times}y_- + Bx_+ + A_4^{[2]}$  hence  $y_+ \in By_- + Bx_+ + A_4^{[2]}$  and  $y_- \in By_+ + Bx_+ + A_4^{[2]}$ . As a consequence we get the following.

**Proposition 5.8.**  $A_4 = A_4^{[3]} = A_4^{[2]} + Bx_+ + Bx_- + By_+ = A_4^{[2]} + Bx_+ + Bx_- + By_-$ .

For  $x \in A_4^{\times}$ , we let  $[x]$  denote its class in  $B^{\times} \setminus A_4^{\times} / B^{\times}$ , and we write  $x \sim y$  for  $[x] = [y]$ .

**Lemma 5.9.** Let  $E_2 = \{s_2^{\alpha}s_1^{\beta}s_3^{\gamma}s_2^{\delta} \mid \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \{0, 1, -1\}\} \subset A_4^{\times}$ . The image of  $[E_2]$  of  $E_2$  in  $B^{\times} \setminus A_4^{\times} / B^{\times}$  has cardinality at most 13, and is equal to  $\mathcal{H}_2$ , with

$$\mathcal{H}_2 = \{[1], [s_2], [s_2^{-1}], [s_2s_1^{-1}s_2], [s_2s_3^{-1}s_2], [s_2s_1s_3s_2], [s_2s_1^{-1}s_3s_2], [s_2s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2], [s_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}], [s_2s_1^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}], [s_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}], [s_2^{-1}s_1s_3s_2^{-1}], [s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}]\}$$

**Proof.** Clearly  $\mathcal{H}_2 \subset [E_2]$ , hence we only need to prove  $[E_2] \subset \mathcal{H}_2$ . In view of  $s_2^{\alpha}s_i^{\beta}s_2^{\alpha} = s_i^{\alpha}s_2^{\alpha}s_i^{\beta}$ ,  $s_2^{-1}s_i^{\alpha}s_2 = s_i^{\alpha}s_2^{\alpha}s_i^{-1}$ ,  $s_2s_i^{\alpha}s_2^{-1} = s_i^{\alpha}s_2^{\alpha}s_i$  for  $\alpha \in \{-1, 1\}$  and  $i \in \{1, 3\}$ , we have  $[s_2^{\alpha}s_i^{\beta}s_2^{\alpha}] \in \mathcal{H}_2$  for all  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ . Among the  $s_2s_1^{\alpha}s_3^{\beta}s_2$  for  $\alpha, \beta \in \{-1, 1\}$ , we have  $[s_2s_1^{\alpha}s_3^{\beta}s_2] \in \mathcal{H}_2$  because  $s_2s_1^{\alpha}s_3^{\beta}s_2 \sim s_2s_1^{-1}s_3s_2$ : indeed, we have the identity  $s_2s_1^{-1}s_3s_2 = s_1^{-1}s_3(s_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2)s_1^{-1}s_3$  in the braid group on 4 strands (because  $s_1^{-1}s_3s_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_3 = s_1^{-1}(s_3s_2s_3^{-1})s_1s_2s_1^{-1}s_3 = s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3(s_2s_1s_2)s_1^{-1}s_3 = s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_1(s_3s_2s_3) = (s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_1)s_2s_3s_2 = s_2s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_2s_3s_2 = s_2s_1^{-1}s_3s_2$ ). Among the  $s_2s_1^{\alpha}s_3^{\beta}s_2^{-1}$  for  $\alpha, \beta \in \{-1, 1\}$ , we have  $[s_2s_1^{\alpha}s_3^{\beta}s_2^{-1}] \in \mathcal{H}_2$  because  $s_2s_1s_3s_2^{-1} \sim s_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2$ : indeed, we have  $s_1(s_2s_1s_3s_2^{-1})s_3^{-1} = (s_1s_2s_1)s_3s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1} = s_2s_1(s_2s_3s_2^{-1})s_3^{-1} = s_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2s_3s_3^{-1} = s_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2$ .

Again for  $\alpha, \beta \in \{-1, 1\}$ , we have  $[s_2^{-1}s_1^\alpha s_3^\beta s_2] \in \mathcal{B}_2$  because of the following identities

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3s_2 \sim s_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1} \quad (2) \quad s_2^{-1}s_1s_3s_2 \sim s_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2 \\ (3) \quad & s_2^{-1}s_1s_3^{-1}s_2 \sim s_2s_1^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1} \quad (4) \quad s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2 \sim s_2s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

We prove these identities now. We have  $s_3(s_2s_3^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1})s_1^{-1} = (s_3s_2s_3^{-1})s_1s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1} = s_2^{-1}s_3(s_2s_1s_2^{-1})s_1^{-1} = s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{-1}s_2s_1s_1^{-1} = s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{-1}s_2$  hence  $s_2s_3^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1} \sim s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{-1}s_2$  that is (1). By applying  $\text{Ad } \Delta$  this implies  $s_2s_1^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1} \sim s_2^{-1}s_1s_3^{-1}s_2$  that is (3). We have  $s_3^{-1}(s_2^{-1}s_1s_3s_2)s_1 = (s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2s_1 = s_2s_3^{-1}(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2)s_1 = s_2s_3^{-1}s_1s_2s_1^{-1}s_1 = s_2s_3^{-1}s_1s_2$  hence  $s_2^{-1}s_1s_3s_2 \sim s_2s_3^{-1}s_1s_2$  that is (2).

We have  $s_1(s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1})s_3^{-1} = (s_1s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1})s_3s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1} = s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}(s_2s_3s_2^{-1})s_3^{-1} = s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2s_3s_3^{-1} = s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2$  hence  $s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1} \sim s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2$ . Moreover, we have  $s_1(s_2s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1})s_3^{-1} = s_1s_2s_1^{-1}(s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}) = s_1(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1})s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1} = s_1s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1} = s_2^{-1}s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}$  hence  $s_2s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1} \sim s_2^{-1}s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}$ . Applying  $\Delta$  we get  $s_2s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1} \sim s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}$ , hence  $s_2s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1} \sim s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1} \sim s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2$  hence (4).

Now, for  $\alpha, \beta \in \{-1, 1\}$ , we have  $[s_2^{-1}s_1^\alpha s_3^\beta s_2^{-1}] \in \mathcal{B}_2$  because  $s_2^{-1}s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1} \sim s_2s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}$  and  $s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1} \sim s_2s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}$  as we proved above, and this concludes the proof.  $\square$

From this we get  $A_4 = \sum_{\sigma \in [E_2]} B\sigma B + Bx_+ + Bx_- + By_- = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{B}_2} B\sigma B + Bx_+ + Bx_- + By_-$ .

We write  $\mathcal{B}_2 = \mathcal{B}_2^1 \cup \mathcal{B}_2^\Delta \cup \mathcal{B}_2^\alpha \cup \mathcal{B}_2^\beta \cup \mathcal{B}_2^0$  with

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_2^1 &= \{[1], [s_2], [s_2^{-1}]\} & \mathcal{B}_2^\Delta &= \{[s_2s_1s_3s_2], [s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}]\} \\ \mathcal{B}_2^\alpha &= \{[s_2s_1^{-1}s_2], [s_2s_3^{-1}s_2]\} & \mathcal{B}_2^\beta &= \{[s_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}], [s_2s_1^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}]\} \\ \mathcal{B}_2^0 &= \{[s_2s_1^{-1}s_3s_2], [s_2s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2], [s_2s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}], [s_2^{-1}s_1s_3s_2^{-1}]\} \end{aligned}$$

Recall that  $B = u_1u_3 = u_3u_1$ . We prove the following.

**Lemma 5.10.** (1)  $s_2s_1s_3s_2B \subset Bs_2s_1s_3s_2, s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}B \subset Bs_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}$

(2)  $s_2s_1^{-1}s_2B \subset Bs_2s_1^{-1}s_2u_3 + A_4^{[1]}, s_2s_3^{-1}s_2B \subset Bs_2s_3^{-1}s_2u_1 + A_4^{[1]}$

(3)  $s_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}B \subset Bs_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}u_1, s_2s_1^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}B \subset Bs_2s_1^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}u_3$ .

**Proof.** We have  $\Delta = s_1s_3(s_2s_1s_3s_2) = (s_2s_1s_3s_2)s_1s_3$  and  $\Delta B = B\Delta$  hence  $s_2s_1s_3s_2B = (s_1s_3)^{-1}\Delta B = B(s_1s_3)^{-1}\Delta = B(s_2s_1s_3s_2)$ . Applying  $\Phi$  (or considering  $\Delta^{-1}$ ) we get  $s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}B = Bs_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}$  hence (1).

By Lemma 3.5 we have  $(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_1^{-1} \in s_1^{-1}(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2) + A_4^{[1]}$  hence  $(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)u_1 \subset u_1(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2) + A_4^{[1]}$  and  $(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)u_1 \subset B(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2) + A_4^{[1]}$ . Since  $B = u_1u_3$  this yields  $(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)B = (s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)u_1u_3 \subset B(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)u_3 + A_4^{[1]}$ . Using  $\text{Ad } \Delta$  this implies  $(s_2s_3^{-1}s_2)B \subset B(s_2s_3^{-1}s_2)u_1 + A_4^{[1]}$ , hence (2). Finally,  $(s_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1})s_3 = s_2s_1(s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3) = (s_2s_1s_2)s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1} = s_1(s_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1})$  hence  $(s_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1})u_3 \subset B(s_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1})$  whence, using  $B = u_3u_1$ ,  $(s_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1})B \subset B(s_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1})u_1$  and, applying  $\text{Ad } \Delta$ ,  $(s_2s_1^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1})B \subset B(s_2s_1^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1})u_3$ , which proves (3).  $\square$

**Proposition 5.11.** (1)  $A_4^{[1]} = B + Bs_2B + Bs_2^{-1}B$  is equal to

$$B + \sum_{a,b \in \{0,1,-1\}} Bs_2s_1^a s_3^b + \sum_{a,b \in \{0,1,-1\}} Bs_2^{-1}s_1^a s_3^b$$

(2)  $A_4^{[2]} = Bu_2A_4^{[1]} = A_4^{[1]}u_2B$  is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} A_4^{[1]} + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{B}_2^\Delta} Bx + \sum_{a \in \{0,1,-1\}} Bs_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^a + \sum_{a \in \{0,1,-1\}} Bs_2s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^a + \sum_{a \in \{0,1,-1\}} Bs_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_1^a \\ + \sum_{a \in \{0,1,-1\}} Bs_2s_1^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_3^a + \sum_{\substack{x \in \mathcal{B}_2^0 \\ a,b \in \{0,1,-1\}}} Bxs_1^a s_3^b \end{aligned}$$

(3)  $A_4 = A_4^{[3]} = A_4^{[2]} + Bx_+ + Bx_- + By_-$

**Proof.** (1) is clear, (3) has been proved before, and (2) is an immediate consequence of  $A_4^{[2]} = A_4^{[1]} + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{B}_2} BxB$  and of Lemma 5.10.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.12.** As a  $B$ -module,  $A_4$  is generated by 72 elements, which are images of elements of the braid group on 4 strands.

**Proof.** By Proposition 5.11,  $A_4^{[1]}$  is generated by  $1 + 9 + 9 = 19$  elements,  $A_4^{[2]}$  by  $A_4^{[1]}$  and  $|\mathcal{B}_2^\Delta| + 4 \times 3 + 9 \times |\mathcal{B}_2^0| \leq 2 + 12 + 9 \times 4 = 50$  elements, and  $A_4^{[3]}$  by  $A_4^{[2]}$  and 3 elements. Thus  $A_4 = A_4^{[3]}$  is generated by 72 elements, all originating from the braid group.  $\square$

## 6. The algebra $A_5$

Recall  $w^+ = s_3 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3$ ,  $w^- = s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} \in A_4$ . Our first goal is to prove the following.

### Theorem 6.1.

$$\begin{aligned} A_5 = & A_4 + A_4 s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_4 s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_4 s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 A_4 \\ & + A_4 s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_4 s_4 w^- s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} w^- s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4 A_4 \\ & + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} A_4 \end{aligned}$$

We denote again  $U$  the right-hand side. We let  $A_5^{(0)} = A_4$  and  $A_5^{(n+1)} = A_5^{(n)} u_4 A_4$ . This defines an increasing sequence of  $A_4$  sub-bimodules of  $A_5$ . An immediate consequence of Theorem 4.1 is  $sh(A_4) \subset U$ . Also, we have  $u_4 \subset U$  hence  $A_5^{(1)} = A_4 u_4 A_4 \subset U$ .

**Lemma 6.2.**  $u_4 A_4 u_4 \subset U$ , hence  $A_5^{(2)} = A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \subset U$ .

**Proof.** According to Theorem 4.1, we have  $A_4 = A_3 + A_3 s_3 A_3 + A_3 s_3^{-1} A_3 + A_3 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 A_3 + A_3 w^- + A_3 w^+$ , hence  $u_4 A_4 u_4 \subset A_3 u_4 + A_4 u_4 u_3 u_4 A_4 + A_4 u_4 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 u_4 A_3 + A_3 u_4 w^- u_4 + A_3 u_4 w^+ u_4$ . We have  $A_3 u_4 + A_4 u_4 u_3 u_4 A_4 + A_4 u_4 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 u_4 A_3 \subset A_4 sh(A_4) A_4 \subset A_4 U A_4 \subset U$ . Moreover, since by definition  $s_4^\alpha w^\beta s_4^\alpha \in U$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \{-1, 1\}$ , we have  $s_4 A_4 s_4 \subset U$ ,  $s_4^{-1} A_4 s_4^{-1} \subset U$ , and we only need to prove  $s_4 w^\pm s_4^{-1} \in U$  and  $s_4^{-1} w^\pm s_4 \in U$ . We have  $w^\pm \in s_3^\alpha A_3 s_3^\alpha$  for some  $\alpha \in \{-1, 1\}$ , hence  $s_4 w^\pm s_4^{-1} \in s_4^\alpha s_3^\alpha A_3 s_3^\alpha s_4^{-1} = s_3^{-\alpha} (s_3^\alpha s_4^\alpha s_3^\alpha) A_3 s_3^\alpha s_4^{-1} = s_3^{-\alpha} s_4^\alpha s_3^\alpha s_4^\alpha A_3 s_3^\alpha s_4^{-1} \subset A_4 s_4^\alpha s_3^\alpha A_3 (s_4^\alpha s_3^\alpha s_4^{-1}) \subset A_4 s_4^\alpha s_3^\alpha A_3 s_3^{-\alpha} s_4^\alpha s_3^\alpha$  by Lemma 2.1. Now  $A_4 s_4^\alpha s_3^\alpha A_3 s_3^{-\alpha} s_4^\alpha s_3^\alpha$  lies inside  $A_4 (s_4^\alpha A_4 s_4^\alpha) A_4 \subset A_4 U A_4 \subset U$ , as we already proved.  $\square$

### 6.1. The $A_4$ -bimodule $A_5^{(3)}/A_5^{(2)}$ : first reduction.

**Proposition 6.3.** If  $p \leq 5$ ,  $q \leq 5$  and  $(p, q) \neq (5, 5)$ , then for all  $x \in u_4 u_{i_1} \dots u_{i_p} u_4 u_{j_1} \dots u_{j_q} u_4$  we have  $x \in A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$ , for all choices of  $i_1, \dots, i_p, j_1, \dots, j_q \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , unless  $(p, q) \in \{(5, 4), (4, 5)\}$  and  $x \in s_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 s_4 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 s_4 \cup s_4^{-1} u_3 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 s_4^{-1} u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 s_4^{-1}$ .

**Proof.** Note that  $sh(A_4) \subset A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$ . By application of  $\Psi$  we may assume  $p \geq q \geq 1$ . We prove the statement by induction on  $(p, q)$ , using lexicographic ordering. By commutation relations we can assume  $i_1 \notin \{1, 2\}$  hence  $i_1 = 3$ , and similarly  $j_q = 3$ . In case  $(p, q) = (1, 1)$  we have then  $u_4 u_3 u_4 u_3 u_4 \subset sh(A_4) \subset A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$ . More generally, in the cases  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(2, 1)$ ,  $(2, 2)$ ,  $(3, 1)$ , using only commutation relations we check that the corresponding algebras are necessarily included in  $A_4 sh(A_4) A_4 \subset A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$ .

If  $(p, q) = (3, 2)$ , the only case which is not clearly included in  $A_4 sh(A_4) A_4$  is  $u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_4 u_2 u_3 u_4 = u_4 u_3 u_4 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4$ , and we have  $u_4 u_3 u_4 \subset u_3 s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4 + u_3 u_4 u_3$  by Theorem 3.2 hence  $u_4 u_3 u_4 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 \subset u_3 s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 + u_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 \subset u_3 s_4 s_3^{-1} u_2 u_1 u_2 s_4 u_3 u_4 + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$ . Again  $s_4 u_3 u_4 \subset s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} u_3 + u_3 u_4 u_3$  by Theorem 3.2 hence  $u_3 s_4 s_3^{-1} u_2 u_1 u_2 (s_4 u_3 u_4) \subset u_3 s_4 s_3^{-1} u_2 u_1 u_2 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$  and  $u_3 s_4 s_3^{-1} u_2 u_1 u_2 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} = u_3 (s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4^{-1}) u_2 u_1 u_2 s_3 s_4^{-1} = u_3 s_3^{-1} s_4^{-1} s_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 s_3 s_4^{-1} \subset A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$ .

If  $(p, q) = (3, 3)$ , the corresponding algebra is either included in  $A_4 sh(A_4) A_4 \subset U$ , or can be reduced using commutation relations to the case  $(3, 2)$ , or we are dealing with the remaining case  $u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4$  (or its image under the natural anti-isomorphism  $u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4$ ). We want to prove  $u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 \subset A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$ . Up to using the natural isomorphism induced by  $s_i \mapsto s_i^{-1}$ , we only need to prove  $u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 s_4 \subset A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$ . We have  $u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 s_4 = u_4 u_3 u_4 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 s_4$  and we know from Theorem 3.2 that  $u_4 u_3 u_4 \subset A_4 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} + u_3 u_4 u_3$ , hence  $u_4 u_3 u_4 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 s_4 \subset A_4 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 s_4 + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$ . Now, using  $u_3 u_2 u_3 \subset s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 u_2 + u_2 u_3 u_3$  we have  $s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 s_4 \subset s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} u_2 u_1 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 u_2 s_4 + s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_2 s_4$ . But  $s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_2 s_4 = s_4^{-1} s_3 u_2 u_1 s_4^{-1} u_2 u_3 s_4 u_2 \subset A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$  by the induction assumption, hence  $s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 s_4 \subset s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} u_2 u_1 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_4 u_2 + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$ . Now we need to prove  $s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} s_2^\alpha s_1^\beta s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_4 \in A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$  for  $\alpha, \beta \in \{-1, 1\}$ . If  $\alpha = 1$ , this holds true because  $s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} s_2 u_1 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_4 = s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2 u_1 s_3 s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_3 s_4 s_3^{-1} = s_2 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2 u_1 s_4 s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} \subset A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$  by the induction assumption. We thus assume  $\alpha = -1$ . If  $\beta = 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_1 (s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3) s_4 & \subset s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_1 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 u_2 & + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \text{ (Lemmas 2.4 + 2.3)} \\ & \subset s_1 s_1^{-1} s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_1 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 u_2 & + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \\ & \subset s_1 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} (s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_1) s_3^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 u_2 & + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \\ & \subset s_1 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 u_2 & + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \\ & \subset s_1 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} sh(A_3) s_4 u_2 & + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \\ & \subset s_1 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 u_2 s_4 u_2 & + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \end{aligned}$$



by [Theorem 3.2](#) and the induction assumption, and we already proved  $s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_3u_2s_4 = s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_4u_2 \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$ . The remaining case is then  $(\alpha, \beta) = (-1, -1)$ , for which we have

$$\begin{aligned} s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_4 &\subset s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4A_4 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \text{ (Lemma 2.4)} \\ &\subset s_3s_3^{-1}(s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1})s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4A_4 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \\ &\subset s_3(s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1})s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4A_4 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \text{ (Lemma 2.3)} \\ &\subset A_4s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}(s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1})s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4A_4 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \\ &\subset A_4s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}(s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4A_4 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \\ &\subset A_4s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_4A_4 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \\ &\subset A_4s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_1(s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1})s_4s_1^{-1}A_4 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \\ &\subset A_4s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_4s_1^{-1}A_4 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \\ &\subset A_4s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_4s_2^{-1}A_4 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \\ &\subset A_4s_4^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_4^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_4A_4 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \\ &\subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \text{ (induction assumption)} \end{aligned}$$

and this concludes the case  $(p, q) = (3, 3)$ .

All cases  $(4, q)$  for  $q = 1, 2, 4$  can be easily reduced to smaller cases by using commutation relations and relations  $u_iu_ju_iu_j = u_ju_iu_ju_i$ . Most cases for  $(4, 3)$  can also be reduced this way, except for one remaining case  $u_4u_3u_2u_3u_1u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4$ . Using  $\Phi$ , we only need to prove  $u_4u_3u_2u_3u_1s_4u_3u_2u_3u_4 \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$ . Using the induction assumption and [Theorem 3.2](#) on  $sh(A_3)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} u_4(u_3u_2u_3)u_1s_4(u_3u_2u_3)u_4 &\subset u_4u_2s_3s_2^{-1}s_3u_1s_4s_3s_2^{-1}s_3u_2u_4 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \\ &\subset A_3u_4s_3s_2^{-1}u_1(s_3s_4s_3)s_2^{-1}s_3u_4A_3 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \\ &\subset A_3u_4s_3s_2^{-1}u_1s_4s_3s_4s_2^{-1}s_3u_4A_3 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \\ &\subset A_3(u_4s_3s_4)s_2^{-1}u_1s_3s_2^{-1}(s_4s_3u_4)A_3 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \\ &\subset A_3u_3u_4u_3s_2^{-1}u_1s_3s_2^{-1}u_3u_4u_3A_3 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \end{aligned}$$

by [Lemma 2.1](#), which proves the claim.

We now deal with the cases  $(5, q)$  with  $1 \leq q < 5$ . We can assume that  $u_{i_1} \dots u_{i_p} = u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3$  or  $u_{i_1} \dots u_{i_p} = u_3u_2u_1u_3u_2$ , because otherwise we can reduce to smaller cases by using commutation relations and the relation  $u_a u_b u_a u_b = u_b u_a u_b u_a$ . From this remark one easily checks that the cases  $(5, 1)$  are readily reduced to smaller cases, and also the cases  $(5, 2)$  except for the case  $u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_2u_3u_4 = u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_2u_4u_3u_4$  that we tackle now: we have  $u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_2 \subset A_4 = A_3u_3A_3 + A_3u_3u_2u_3A_3 + A_3u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3$  by [Theorem 4.1](#), hence

$$\begin{aligned} u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_2u_4u_3u_4 &\subset u_4A_3u_3A_3u_4u_3u_4 + u_4A_3u_3u_2u_3A_3u_4u_3u_4 + u_4A_3u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_3u_4 \\ &\subset A_3u_4u_3u_4A_3u_3u_4 + A_3u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4A_3u_3u_4 + A_3u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_3u_4 \\ &\subset A_3u_4u_3u_4u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4 + A_3u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4 + A_3u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_3u_4 \\ &\subset A_3u_4u_3u_4u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4A_2 + A_3u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4A_2 + A_3u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_3u_4 \end{aligned}$$

using  $A_3 = u_2u_1u_2u_1$ , and we are thus reduced to smaller cases.

When  $(p, q) = (5, 3)$ , the only nontrivial case (up to commutation and  $u_a u_b u_a u_b = u_b u_a u_b u_a$  relations) is  $u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4$ . We have  $u_2u_3u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4 \subset sh(A_4) \subset A_4u_4A_4 + sh(A_3)u_4u_3u_4A_4 + u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4A_4$  by [Theorem 4.1](#), hence

$$u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4 \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 + u_4u_3u_2u_1sh(A_3)u_4u_3u_4A_4 + u_4u_3u_2u_1u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4A_4$$

and we have  $u_4u_3u_2u_1u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4 \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$  by the induction assumption, and, since  $sh(A_3) = u_2u_3u_2u_3$  by [Theorem 3.2](#),  $u_4u_3u_2u_1sh(A_3)u_4u_3u_4$  is a subset of

$$u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_2(u_3u_4u_3u_4) = u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_2u_4u_3u_4u_3 = u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_2u_3u_4u_3$$

and we are reduced to case  $(5, 2)$ .

When  $(p, q) = (5, 4)$ , the only nontrivial cases are  $u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4$  and  $u_4u_3u_2u_1u_3u_2u_4u_3u_1u_2u_3u_4$ . In the first case,  $u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4 = u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_2u_1u_2u_4u_3u_4 \subset u_4A_4u_4u_3u_4$ . By [Theorem 4.1](#), we have  $A_4 = A_3u_3A_3 + A_3u_3u_2u_3A_3 + A_3u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3$  hence

$$\begin{aligned} u_4A_4u_4u_3u_4 &\subset u_4A_3u_3A_3u_4u_3u_4 + u_4A_3u_3u_2u_3A_3u_4u_3u_4 + u_4A_3u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_3u_4 \\ &\subset A_3u_4u_3A_3u_4u_3u_4 + A_3u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4A_3u_3u_4 + A_3u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_3u_4 \\ &\subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \end{aligned}$$

by the induction assumption and  $A_3 = u_2u_1u_2u_1$ .

In the second case, we need to consider the sets  $s_4^\alpha u_3u_2u_1u_3u_2s_4^\beta u_3u_1u_2u_3s_4^\gamma$  with  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \{-1, 1\}$ , and we can assume that two of them have distinct signs, otherwise we are in the exceptional case of the statement. Up to using  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$ , we

can assume  $\gamma = 1$  and  $\beta = -1$ . We are thus considering expressions of the type  $u_4u_3u_2u_1u_3u_2s_4^{-1}u_3u_1u_2u_3s_4 = u_4u_3u_2u_3u_1u_2u_1s_4^{-1}u_3u_2u_3s_4$ . Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} u_4u_3u_2u_3(u_2u_1u_2)s_4^{-1}u_3u_2u_3s_4 &= u_4(u_3u_2u_3u_2)u_1u_2s_4^{-1}u_3u_2u_3s_4 \\ &= u_4u_2u_3u_2u_3u_1u_2s_4^{-1}u_3u_2u_3s_4 = u_2u_4u_3u_2u_3u_1u_2s_4^{-1}u_3u_2u_3s_4 \end{aligned}$$

hence reduces to smaller cases. As a consequence, among the natural spanning set of  $u_1u_2u_1$ , only the  $s_1^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} s_1^\alpha$  do not reduce to smaller cases, and so we may restrict ourselves to these. Moreover, using  $u_3u_2u_3 \subset u_2s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1} + u_2u_3u_2$  and  $u_3u_2u_3 \subset s_3s_2^{-1}s_3u_2 + u_2u_3u_2$  we are reduced to expressions of the form  $u_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_1^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} s_1^\alpha s_3s_4s_2s_3^{-1}s_4s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}$  so we now need to prove that  $u_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_1^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} s_1^\alpha s_3s_4s_2s_3^{-1}s_4 \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$ . When  $\alpha = 1$  we get  $u_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_1s_3s_4s_2s_3^{-1}s_4 = s_1u_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_4s_1s_2s_3^{-1}s_4 \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$  by the induction assumption. When  $\alpha = -1$  we get  $u_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_3s_4s_2s_3^{-1}s_4 = u_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_1s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_4s_1^{-1} \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$  by the induction assumption.

This concludes the case (5, 4) and the proof of the proposition.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.4.**  $u_4u_3u_2u_3u_1u_2u_1u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4 \subset A_4(u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4)u_2 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$ .

**Proof.** By Proposition 6.3 it is enough to prove that  $s_4u_3u_2u_3u_1u_2u_1s_4u_3u_2u_3s_4$  is a subset of  $A_4u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_2 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$  and, as noted in the proof of Proposition 6.3, we can restrict to the forms  $s_4u_3u_2u_3s_1^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} s_1^\alpha s_4u_3u_2u_3s_4$ . Moreover, since  $s_1s_2^{-1}s_1 = s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_2s_1^2 \in s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_2u_1$ , and  $s_1^{-1}s_2u_1 \subset Rs_1^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1} + u_2u_1u_2$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} s_4u_3u_2u_3s_1s_2^{-1}s_1s_4u_3u_2u_3s_4 &\subset s_4u_3u_2u_3s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_2u_1s_4u_3u_2u_3s_4 \subset s_4(u_3u_2u_3u_2)s_1^{-1}s_2u_1s_4u_3u_2u_3s_4 \\ &\subset s_4(u_2u_3u_2u_3)s_1^{-1}s_2u_1s_4u_3u_2u_3s_4 \subset u_2s_4u_3u_2u_3s_1^{-1}s_2u_1s_4u_3u_2u_3s_4 \\ &\subset u_2s_4u_3u_2u_3s_1^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_4u_3u_2u_3s_4 + u_2s_4(u_3u_2u_3u_2)u_1u_2s_4u_3u_2u_3s_4 \\ &\subset u_2s_4u_3u_2u_3s_1^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_4u_3u_2u_3s_4 + u_2s_4u_2u_3u_2u_3u_1u_2s_4u_3u_2u_3s_4 \\ &\subset u_2s_4u_3u_2u_3s_1^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_4u_3u_2u_3s_4 + u_2s_4u_3u_2u_3u_1u_2s_4u_3u_2u_3s_4 \\ &\subset u_2s_4u_3u_2u_3s_1^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_4u_3u_2u_3s_4 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \end{aligned}$$

by Proposition 6.3. We can thus restrict to  $s_4u_3u_2u_3s_1^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_4u_3u_2u_3s_4$ . Moreover, using that  $u_3u_2u_3 \subset u_2s_3s_2^{-1}s_3 + u_2u_3u_2$  and  $u_3u_2u_3 \subset s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}u_2 + u_2u_3u_2$  leads to  $s_4u_3u_2u_3s_1^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_4u_3u_2u_3s_4 \subset u_2s_4s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4u_2 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$  by Proposition 6.3. Now  $s_4s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4 = s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4$  belongs to  $A_4s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4$  and this proves the claim.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.5.**  $u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_2u_3u_1u_2u_3u_4 \subset A_4(u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4)A_4 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$ .

**Proof.** We consider the expression  $u_4s_3^\alpha u_2u_1u_2s_3^\beta u_4u_2u_3u_1u_2u_3u_4$  and we first assume  $\alpha = \beta$ ; by applying if necessary  $\Phi$ , we can then assume  $\alpha = \beta = -1$ . Since  $u_2u_1u_2 \subset u_1s_2s_1^{-1}s_2 + u_1u_2u_1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} u_4s_3^{-1}u_2u_1u_2s_3^{-1}u_4u_2u_3u_1u_2u_3u_4 &\subset u_4s_3^{-1}u_1s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}u_4u_2u_3u_1u_2u_3u_4 + u_4s_3^{-1}u_1u_2u_1s_3^{-1}u_4u_2u_3u_1u_2u_3u_4 \\ &\subset u_1u_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}u_4u_2u_3u_1u_2u_3u_4 + u_1u_4s_3^{-1}u_2u_1s_3^{-1}u_4u_2u_3u_1u_2u_3u_4 \end{aligned}$$

and we are reduced to  $u_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}u_4u_2u_3u_1u_2u_3u_4$  by Lemmas 6.3 and 6.4. Now we have that  $u_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}u_4u_2u_3u_1u_2u_3u_4$  is equal to  $u_4(s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})u_2u_1u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4$  and that  $(s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})u_2u_1 \subset A_3(s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}) + A_3u_3A_3 + A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3A_3$  by Lemma 4.4. We then have

$$\begin{aligned} u_4(A_3u_3A_3 + A_3s_3s_2^{-1}s_3A_3)u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4 &\subset A_3u_4u_3A_3u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4 + A_3u_4s_3s_2^{-1}s_3A_3u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4 \\ &\subset A_3u_4u_3(u_1u_2u_1u_2)u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4 + A_3u_4s_3s_2^{-1}s_3(u_1u_2u_1u_2)u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4 \\ &\subset A_3u_4u_3u_1u_2u_1u_2u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4 + A_3u_4s_3s_2^{-1}s_3u_1u_2u_1u_4(u_2u_3u_2u_3)u_4 \\ &\subset A_3u_4u_3u_1u_2u_1u_2u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4 + A_3u_4s_3s_2^{-1}s_3u_1u_2u_1u_4u_3u_2u_3u_2u_4 \\ &\subset A_3u_4u_3u_1u_2u_1u_2u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4 + A_3u_4s_3s_2^{-1}s_3u_1u_2u_1u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4u_2 \\ &\subset A_4(u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4)A_4 + A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \end{aligned}$$

by Lemmas 6.3 and 6.4, and  $u_4A_3(s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4 = A_3u_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4 \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$  by Proposition 6.3, so this solves the case  $\alpha = \beta$ .

We can thus assume  $\alpha = -\beta$ , that is we can consider the expression  $u_4s_3^\beta u_2u_1u_2s_3^{-\beta} u_2u_4u_1u_3u_2u_3u_4$ , that we split in two cases  $u_4s_3^\beta u_2u_1u_2s_3^{-\beta} s_2^\gamma u_4u_1u_3u_2u_3u_4$  for  $\gamma \in \{-1, 1\}$ . Up to applying  $\Phi$ , we can restrict to  $u_4s_3^\beta u_2u_1u_2s_3^{-\beta} s_2^\gamma s_4u_1u_3u_2u_3s_4^\alpha$  for some  $\alpha \in \{-1, 1\}$ , and using  $u_3u_2u_3 \subset s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} s_3^\alpha u_2 + u_2u_3u_2$  we can restrict to  $u_4s_3^\beta u_2u_1u_2s_3^{-\beta} s_2^\gamma s_4u_1s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} s_3^\alpha s_4^\alpha$  by Proposition 6.3.

First assume  $\gamma = -1$ . Using again  $u_2u_1u_2 \subset u_1s_2s_1^{-1}s_2 + u_1u_2u_1$  we can restrict to studying  $u_4s_3^\beta s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-\beta} s_2^{-1}s_4u_1s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} s_3^\alpha s_4^\alpha$ . If  $\beta = 1$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned} u_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_4u_1s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} s_3^\alpha s_4^\alpha &\subset u_4s_2^{-1}s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3s_4u_1s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} s_3^\alpha s_4^\alpha \\ &\subset s_2^{-1}u_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3s_4u_1s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} s_3^\alpha s_4^\alpha \\ &\subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \end{aligned}$$

by Proposition 6.3. For the case  $\beta = -1$ , we can restrict to an expression of the form  $u_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_4 u_1 s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} s_3^\alpha s_4^\alpha$ , and we get

$$\begin{aligned} u_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} (s_2 s_3 s_2^{-1}) s_4 u_1 s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} s_3^\alpha s_4^\alpha &\subset u_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4 u_1 s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} s_3^\alpha s_4^\alpha \\ &\subset u_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4 u_1 s_3^\alpha s_2^{-\alpha} s_3^\alpha s_4^\alpha \\ &\subset u_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2 (s_3 s_4 s_3^\alpha) u_1 s_2^{-\alpha} s_3^\alpha s_4^\alpha \\ &\subset u_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2 s_4 s_3 s_4 u_1 s_2^{-\alpha} s_3^\alpha s_4^\alpha \\ &\subset u_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2 s_4 s_3 u_1 s_2^{-\alpha} s_4 s_3^\alpha s_4^\alpha \\ &\subset u_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2 s_4 s_3 u_1 s_2^{-\alpha} s_3^\alpha s_4 s_3 \\ &\subset A_4 (u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4) A_4 + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \end{aligned}$$

by Proposition 6.3 and Lemma 6.4.

Now assume  $\gamma = 1$ . Using again  $u_2 u_1 u_2 \subset u_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} + u_1 u_2 u_1$  we can restrict to the form  $u_4 s_3^\beta s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3^{-\beta} s_2 u_4 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4$ . If  $\beta = 1$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} u_4 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_1 (s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2) u_4 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 &\subset u_4 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} u_4 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 \\ &\subset u_4 (s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3) s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} u_4 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 \\ &\subset u_4 u_2 (s_3^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1}) s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} u_4 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 + u_4 u_2 u_3 u_2 s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} u_4 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 \\ &\subset u_2 u_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} u_4 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 + u_2 u_4 u_3 u_2 s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1} u_4 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 \\ &\subset u_2 u_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1 (s_3^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_3^{-1}) u_4 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \\ &\subset u_2 u_4 s_3^{-1} (s_2 s_1 s_2^{-1}) s_3^{-1} s_2^{-1} u_4 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \\ &\subset u_2 u_4 s_3^{-1} s_1^{-1} s_2 s_1 s_3^{-1} s_2^{-1} u_4 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \\ &\subset u_2 s_1^{-1} u_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1 s_3^{-1} s_2^{-1} u_4 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \\ &\subset A_4 (u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4) A_4 + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \end{aligned}$$

by Proposition 6.3 and Lemma 6.4.

If  $\beta = -1$  we get that  $u_4 s_3^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_2 u_4 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4$  is included into

$$u_4 s_2 s_3^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2 s_3^{-1} u_4 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 \subset s_2 u_4 s_3^{-1} s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2 s_3^{-1} u_4 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 \subset A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$$

by Proposition 6.3. This concludes the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

**Proposition 6.6.**  $u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 \subset A_4 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_4 + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$ , and thus  $A_5^{(3)} \subset A_4 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_4 + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$ .

**Proof.** From Lemmas 6.4 and 6.5 it is sufficient to prove

$$\begin{aligned} u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 &\subset A_4 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \\ &\quad + A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_1 u_2 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 + A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 4.1 we have  $A_4 = A_3 u_3 A_3 + A_3 u_3 u_2 u_3 A_3 + A_3 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3$  and  $A_4 = A_3 u_3 A_3 + A_3 u_3 u_2 u_3 A_3 + u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 A_3$ , whence

$$\begin{aligned} u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 &\subset u_4 A_3 u_3 A_3 u_4 A_3 u_3 A_3 u_4 + u_4 A_3 u_3 A_3 u_4 A_3 u_2 u_3 A_3 u_4 \\ &\quad + u_4 A_3 u_3 A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 A_3 u_4 + u_4 A_3 u_3 u_2 u_3 A_3 u_4 A_3 u_3 A_3 u_4 \\ &\quad + u_4 A_3 u_3 u_2 u_3 A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 A_3 u_4 + u_4 A_3 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 u_3 u_2 u_3 A_3 u_4 \\ &\quad + u_4 A_3 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 A_3 u_4 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 A_3 u_4 u_3 u_4 A_3 + A_3 u_4 u_3 A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\quad + A_3 u_4 u_3 A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 + A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\quad + A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 + A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\quad + A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 u_3 u_4 A_3 + A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\quad + A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 A_3 u_4 u_3 u_4 A_3 + A_3 u_4 u_3 A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\quad + A_3 u_4 u_3 A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 + A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\quad + A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 u_3 u_4 A_3 + A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\quad + A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3. \end{aligned}$$

We have

- (1)  $A_3 u_4 u_3 A_3 u_4 u_3 u_4 A_3 \subset A_3 u_4 u_3 (u_2 u_1 u_2 u_1) u_4 u_3 u_4 A_3 \subset A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$  by Proposition 6.3.
- (2)  $A_3 u_4 u_3 A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \subset A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$  by Proposition 6.3.

(3) We have

$$\begin{aligned} A_3 u_4 u_3 A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_4 u_3 (u_1 u_2 u_1 u_2) u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \end{aligned}$$

by Proposition 6.3.

(4)  $A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 u_3 u_4 A_3 \subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_4 A_3 \subset A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$  by Proposition 6.3.

(5) Using  $A_3 = u_2 u_1 u_2 u_1$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 &\subset A_3 u_4 (u_3 u_2 u_3 u_2) u_1 u_2 u_1 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_2 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_4 (u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4) A_3 + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 6.4.

(6) Using  $A_3 = u_2 u_1 u_2 u_1$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 (u_3 u_2 u_3 u_2) u_1 u_2 u_1 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_2 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_1 u_2 u_4 u_3 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_1 u_2 u_4 u_3 (u_1 u_2 u_1 u_2) u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_1 u_2 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_1 u_2 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3. \end{aligned}$$

(7) Using  $A_3 = u_1 u_2 u_1 u_2$  we get similarly

$$A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 u_3 u_4 A_3 \subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \subset A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$$

by Proposition 6.3, and

(8)

$$\begin{aligned} A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_1 u_2 u_1 (u_2 u_3 u_2 u_3) u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_2 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_4 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 (u_2 u_1 u_2 u_1) u_3 u_4 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \\ &\subset A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3 \end{aligned}$$

(9) The case  $A_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_3$  is clear.  $\square$

6.2. The  $A_4$ -bimodule  $A_5^{(3)} / A_5^{(2)}$ : a smaller set of generators.

**Lemma 6.7.** For all  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots \in \{-1, 1\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} s_4^\alpha s_3^\beta A_3 s_3^\gamma s_4^\delta s_3^\epsilon s_3^\zeta s_4^\eta &\subset u_1 s_4^\alpha s_3^\beta (s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2) s_3^\gamma s_4^\delta s_3^\epsilon (s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2) s_3^\zeta s_4^\eta u_1 + A_5^{(2)} \\ s_4^\alpha s_3^\beta A_3 s_3^\gamma s_4^\delta s_3^\epsilon A_3 s_3^\zeta s_4^\eta &\subset u_1 s_4^\alpha s_3^\beta (s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1}) s_3^\gamma s_4^\delta s_3^\epsilon (s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2) s_3^\zeta s_4^\eta u_1 + A_5^{(2)} \\ s_4^\alpha s_3^\beta A_3 s_3^\gamma s_4^\delta s_3^\epsilon s_3^\zeta s_4^\eta &\subset u_1 s_4^\alpha s_3^\beta (s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2) s_3^\gamma s_4^\delta s_3^\epsilon (s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1}) s_3^\zeta s_4^\eta u_1 + A_5^{(2)} \\ s_4^\alpha s_3^\beta A_3 s_3^\gamma s_4^\delta s_3^\epsilon A_3 s_3^\zeta s_4^\eta &\subset u_1 s_4^\alpha s_3^\beta (s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1}) s_3^\gamma s_4^\delta s_3^\epsilon (s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1}) s_3^\zeta s_4^\eta u_1 + A_5^{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** This is an easy consequence of the decompositions  $A_3 = u_1 u_2 u_1 + u_1 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 = u_1 u_2 u_1 + s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 u_1 = u_1 u_2 u_1 + u_1 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} = u_1 u_2 u_1 + s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} u_1$  of Theorem 3.2 and of Proposition 6.3.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.8.** For  $i, j, k, \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \{-1, 1\}$ ,

- (1)  $s_4^i s_3^\alpha A_3 s_3^{-\alpha} s_4^j s_3^\beta A_3 s_3^\gamma s_4^k \subset A_5^{(2)}$  unless  $i = j = k$
- (2)  $s_4^i s_3^\alpha A_3 s_3^\beta s_4^j s_3^\gamma A_3 s_3^{-\gamma} s_4^k \subset A_5^{(2)}$  unless  $i = j = k$
- (3)  $s_4^i s_3^\alpha A_3 s_3^{-\alpha} s_4^j s_3^\beta A_3 s_3^\gamma s_4^k \subset A_5^{(2)}$
- (4)  $s_4^i s_3^\alpha A_3 s_3^\alpha s_4^j s_3^\beta A_3 s_3^{-\beta} s_4^k \subset A_5^{(2)}$
- (5)  $s_4^i s_3^\alpha A_3 s_3^{-\alpha} s_4^j s_3^\beta A_3 s_3^{-\alpha} s_4^k \subset A_5^{(2)}$ .

**Proof.** We use the formulas  $s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3 = s_2s_1(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}$  and  $s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3^{-1} = s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2$  which are easy to prove and which already hold in the braid group  $B_4$ , and can be summarized as  $s_3^{-\alpha}(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3^\alpha = s_2^\alpha s_1^\alpha (s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1^{-\alpha}s_2^{-\alpha}$  for  $\alpha \in \{-1, 1\}$ . We also use the fact that  $s_2$  (and thus  $s_2^{-1}$ ) commutes with  $s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3$  (already in the braid group  $B_4$ ), and similarly  $s_2^{-1}$  (and thus  $s_2$ ) commutes with  $s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}$ . Together with Lemma 6.7, this yields

$$\begin{aligned} s_4^i s_3^\alpha A_3 s_3^{-\alpha} s_4^j s_3^\beta A_3 s_3^{-\beta} s_4^k &\subset s_4^i s_3^\alpha (s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2) s_3^{-\alpha} s_4^j s_3^\beta (s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2) s_3^{-\beta} s_4^k + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset s_4^i (s_3^\alpha s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-\alpha}) s_4^j (s_3^\beta s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-\beta}) s_4^k + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset s_4^i s_2^{-\alpha} s_1^{-\alpha} (s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3) s_1^\alpha s_2^\alpha s_4^j (s_3^\beta s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-\beta}) s_4^k + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset s_2^{-\alpha} s_1^{-\alpha} s_4^i s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_1^\alpha s_4^j s_2^\alpha (s_3^\beta s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-\beta}) s_4^k + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset A_3 s_4^i s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_1^\alpha s_4^j (s_3^\beta s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-\beta}) s_2^\alpha s_4^k + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset A_3 s_4^i s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_1^\alpha s_4^j (s_3^\beta s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-\beta}) s_4^k A_3 + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset A_5^{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

by Proposition 6.3, and this proves (3), as well as the symmetric case (4). This also proves (1) in case  $\beta = \gamma$ . We thus deal with

$$\begin{aligned} s_4^i s_3^\alpha A_3 s_3^{-\alpha} s_4^j s_3^\beta A_3 s_3^{-\beta} s_4^k &\subset s_4^i s_3^\alpha (s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2) s_3^{-\alpha} s_4^j s_3^\beta (s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2) s_3^{-\beta} s_4^k + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset s_4^i (s_3^\alpha s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-\alpha}) s_4^j (s_3^\beta s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-\beta}) s_4^k + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset s_4^i s_2^{-\alpha} s_1^{-\alpha} (s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3) s_1^\alpha s_2^\alpha s_4^j s_2^{-\beta} s_1^{-\beta} (s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3) s_1^\beta s_2^\beta s_4^k + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset s_2^{-\alpha} s_1^{-\alpha} s_4^i s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_1^\alpha s_2^\alpha s_2^{-\beta} s_4^j s_1^{-\beta} (s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3) s_4^k s_1^\beta s_2^\beta + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset A_5^{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

if  $\alpha = \beta$  by Proposition 6.3, and we get (5). Otherwise,  $\alpha = -\beta$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} s_4^i s_3^\alpha A_3 s_3^{-\alpha} s_4^j s_3^\beta A_3 s_3^{-\beta} s_4^k &\subset s_2^{-\alpha} s_1^{-\alpha} s_4^i s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_1^\alpha s_2^\alpha s_4^j (s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3) s_4^k s_1^{-\alpha} s_2^{-\alpha} + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset A_5^{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

unless  $i = j = k$  by Proposition 6.3, and we get (1). (2) is proved symmetrically.  $\square$

**Corollary 6.9.** (1)  $s_4 s_3^{-1} (s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2) s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 (s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2) s_3^{-1} s_4 \in A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$

(2)  $s_4^{-1} s_3 (s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2) s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 (s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2) s_3^{-1} s_4 \in A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$ .

**Lemma 6.10.**  $s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4^{-1} \in A_4 s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4 A_4 + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$ .

**Proof.** We first use  $s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} \in u_1 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 + u_1 u_2 u_1$  and  $s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} \in s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 u_1 + u_1 u_2 u_1$  together with Proposition 6.3 to get

$$\begin{aligned} s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4^{-1} &= s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} \\ &\subset u_1 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} + u_1 s_4^{-1} s_3 u_2 u_1 s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} \\ &\subset u_1 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 (s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1}) s_3 s_4^{-1} + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \\ &\subset u_1 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4^{-1} u_1 + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \\ &\subset A_4 (s_3^{-1} s_4^{-1} s_3) s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 (s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3^{-1}) A_4 + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \\ &\subset A_4 s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_4^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_4 A_4 + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \\ &\subset A_4 s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 (s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1}) s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 A_4 + A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.7  $s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1}$  is a linear combination of terms of several kinds

- (1) elements  $x$  of  $u_3 u_4$  or  $u_4 u_3$ , for which we get  $s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 x s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 \subset A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$  by a direct application of Proposition 6.3.
- (2) elements  $x$  that can be put in the form  $s_4^\alpha s_3^\beta s_4^\gamma$  with  $\alpha = -1$  or  $\gamma = -1$ , in which case we get  $s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 x s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 \subset A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$  through one application of the equation  $s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4^{-1} \in u_3 u_4 u_3$  or  $s_4^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_4 \in u_3 u_4 u_3$ , and Proposition 6.3.
- (3) the element  $s_3^{-1} s_4 s_3^{-1}$ , which provides  $s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 = s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4 w^-$ .
- (4) the element  $x = s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3$ , for which we get  $s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 x s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 \subset A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4$  by Corollary 6.9 (1).
- (5) the element  $x = s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3$ , for which we get

$$\begin{aligned} s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 x s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 &= s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 \\ &= (s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4^{-1}) s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 \\ &= s_3^{-1} s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 \\ &\subset A_4 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 \\ &\subset A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 \end{aligned}$$

by Corollary 6.9(2).

This proves the inclusion.  $\square$

- Lemma 6.11.** (1)  $u_4A_4u_4u_3u_4 \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$   
 (2)  $u_4u_3u_4A_4u_4 \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$   
 (3)  $s_4^\beta u_3u_2u_1u_2s_3^\alpha s_4^\gamma s_3^{-\alpha} u_2u_1u_2u_3s_4^\beta \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$   
 (4)  $s_4^\alpha s_3^\alpha u_2u_1u_2s_3^\alpha s_4^\gamma s_3^{-\alpha} u_2u_1u_2u_3s_4^\beta \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$   
 (5)  $s_4^\beta u_3u_2u_1u_2s_3^\alpha s_4^\gamma s_3^{-\alpha} u_2u_1u_2s_3^{-\alpha} s_4^{-\alpha} \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$   
 (6)  $u_4s_3^\alpha u_2u_1u_2s_3^\alpha s_4^\alpha s_3^\alpha u_2u_1u_2s_3^\alpha u_4 \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$   
 (7)  $s_4w^+s_4^{-1}w^+s_4^{-1} \in A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$   
 (8)  $s_4w^-s_4w^-s_4^{-1} \in A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$ .

**Proof.** Since  $A_4 = A_3u_3A_3 + A_3u_3u_2u_3A_3 + A_3u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3$  we have  $u_4A_4u_4u_3u_4 \subset A_3u_4u_3A_3u_4u_3u_4 + A_3u_4u_3u_2u_3A_3u_4u_3u_4 + A_3u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_3u_4$ . We have  $u_4u_3A_3u_4u_3u_4 \subset u_4u_3u_1u_2u_1u_2u_4u_3u_4 \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$  by Proposition 6.3,

$$\begin{aligned} u_4u_3u_2u_3A_3u_4u_3u_4 &\subset u_4(u_3u_2u_3u_2)u_1u_2u_1u_4u_3u_4 \\ &= u_4u_2u_3u_2u_3u_1u_2u_1u_4u_3u_4 = u_2u_4u_3u_2u_3u_1u_4u_2u_1u_3u_4 \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \end{aligned}$$

by Proposition 6.3, and  $u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_3u_4 \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$  by Proposition 6.3. This proves (1). (2) is deduced from (1) by applying  $\psi$ . We turn to (3). Since  $s_4^\beta u_3u_2u_1u_2(s_3^\alpha s_4^\gamma s_3^{-\alpha})u_2u_1u_2u_3s_4^\beta = s_4^\beta u_3u_2u_1u_2s_4^{-\alpha} s_3^\alpha s_4^\gamma u_2u_1u_2u_3s_4^\beta = s_4^\beta u_3s_4^{-\alpha} u_2u_1u_2s_3^\gamma u_2u_1u_2s_3^\alpha u_3s_4^\beta$  and either  $s_4^\beta u_3s_4^{-\alpha} \subset u_3u_4u_3$  or  $s_4^\alpha u_3s_4^\beta \subset u_3u_4u_3$ . In both cases we get an element of  $A_4u_4A_4u_4u_3u_4A_4 \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$  or  $A_4u_4u_3u_4A_4u_4A_4 \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$  by (1) or (2), and this proves (3). (4) and (5) are similar and left to the reader.

Now

$$\begin{aligned} u_4s_3^\alpha u_2u_1u_2s_3^\alpha s_4^\alpha s_3^\alpha u_2u_1u_2s_3^\alpha u_4 &= u_4s_3^\alpha u_2u_1u_2s_4^\alpha s_3^\alpha s_4^\alpha u_2u_1u_2s_3^\alpha u_4 \\ &= (u_4s_3^\alpha s_4^\alpha)u_2u_1u_2s_3^\alpha u_2u_1u_2(s_4^\alpha s_3^\alpha u_4) \\ &\subset u_3u_4u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_2u_1u_2u_3u_4u_3 \subset A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4 \end{aligned}$$

and this proves (6). In order to prove (7), we compute, using  $b, b'$  for elements in  $u_2u_1u_2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} s_4w^+s_4^{-1}w^+s_4^{-1} &\subset s_4s_3bs_3s_4^{-1}s_3b's_3s_4^{-1} \\ &\subset s_3^{-1}(s_3s_4s_3)bs_3s_4^{-1}s_3b's_3s_4^{-1} \\ &\subset s_3^{-1}s_4s_3s_4bs_3s_4^{-1}s_3b's_3s_4^{-1} \\ &\subset s_3^{-1}s_4s_3b(s_4s_3s_4^{-1})s_3b's_3s_4^{-1} \\ &\subset s_3^{-1}s_4s_3bs_3^{-1}s_4s_3^2b's_3s_4^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Now  $s_3^2 \in R + Rs_3 + Rs_3^{-1}$ , and  $s_3^{-1}s_4s_3bs_3^{-1}s_4b's_3s_4^{-1} \in A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$  by Proposition 6.3,

$$s_3^{-1}s_4s_3bs_3^{-1}s_4s_3b's_3s_4^{-1} \in A_4u_4A_4u_4A_4$$

by Lemma 6.8(3), and  $s_3^{-1}s_4s_3bs_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}b's_3s_4^{-1} \subset A_5^{(2)}$  by Lemma 6.8(1).

The proof of (8) is similar and left to the reader.  $\square$

- Lemma 6.12.** (1)  $s_4s_3^{-1}A_3s_3s_4s_3A_3s_3^{-1}s_4 \subset u_3s_4^{-1}w^+s_4w^-s_4 + A_5^{(2)}$   
 (2)  $(s_4w^+s_4^{-1}w^+s_4)s_3^{-1} \in s_3^{-1}(s_4w^+s_4^{-1}w^+s_4) + A_5^{(2)}$   
 (3)  $s_4w^+s_4^{-1}w^+s_4 \in A_3^\times s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)(s_1s_2^{-1}s_1)s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_4A_4^\times + A_5^{(2)}$   
 (4)  $s_4w^-s_4w^+s_4^{-1} \in A_4^\times s_4^{-1}w^+s_4w^-s_4A_4^\times + A_5^{(2)}$   
 (5)  $s_4w^-s_4^{-1}w^+s_4^{-1} \in A_4^\times s_4^{-1}w^+s_4^{-1}w^-s_4A_4^\times + A_5^{(2)}$   
 (6)  $s_4s_3A_3s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}A_3s_3s_4 \subset u_3s_4w^+s_4^{-1}w^+s_4u_3 + A_5^{(2)}$ .

**Proof.** We first prove (1). By Lemma 6.7 we need to prove  $s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4 \subset u_3s_4^{-1}w^+s_4w^-s_4 + A_5^{(2)}$ , and we get, using Proposition 6.3

$$\begin{aligned} s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2(s_3s_4s_3)s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4 &= s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_4s_3s_4s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4 \\ &= (s_4s_3^{-1}s_4)s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4 \\ &\subset u_3s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4 + u_3u_4u_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4 \\ &\subset u_3s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4 + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset u_3s_4^{-1}s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2(s_4^{-1}s_3s_4)s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4 + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset u_3s_4^{-1}s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4 + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset u_3s_4^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4 + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset u_3s_4^{-1}w^+s_4w^-s_4 + A_5^{(2)}. \end{aligned}$$



We now prove (2). We have, using  $s_3s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1} \in Rs_4s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1} + u_3u_4u_3 + u_4u_3u_4$  and  $s_3s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1} - s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_3 \in u_3u_4 + u_4u_3$  by Lemma 3.5, we get

$$\begin{aligned}s_4w^+s_4^{-1}w^+s_4.s_3^{-1} &= s_4w^+s_4^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}(s_3s_4s_3^{-1}) \\ &= s_4w^+s_4^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_3s_4 \\ &= s_4w^+s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3s_4 \\ &= s_4s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}(s_3s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1})s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3s_4 \\ &\in s_4s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3s_4 + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset (s_4s_3s_4^{-1})s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3s_4 + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset s_3^{-1}s_4s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3s_4 + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset s_3^{-1}.s_4w^+s_4^{-1}w^+s_4 + A_5^{(2)}\end{aligned}$$

We now prove (3). We have

$$\begin{aligned}s_4w^+s_4^{-1}w^+s_4 &= s_4s_3(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1})s_3s_4^{-1}s_3(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1})s_3s_4 \\ &\in s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4^{-1}s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4 + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset s_3^{-1}s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_4s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_3^{-1} + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset Rs_3^{-1}s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_3^{-1} + Rs_3^{-1}s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2(s_4s_3s_4)s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_3^{-1} \\ &\quad + R^\times s_3^{-1}s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_4s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_3^{-1} + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset Rs_3^{-1}s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2(s_3s_4s_3)s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_3^{-1} + R^\times s_3^{-1}s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_4s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_3^{-1} + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset Rs_3^{-1}s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_3^{-1} + R^\times s_3^{-1}s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_4s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_3^{-1} + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset R^\times s_3^{-1}s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_4s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_3^{-1} + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset R^\times s_3^{-1}(s_4s_3s_4)s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_3^{-1} + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset R^\times s_3^{-1}s_3s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3s_4s_3^{-1} + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset R^\times s_4(s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})s_4(s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3)s_4s_3^{-1} + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset R^\times s_4s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2s_4s_2s_1(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1} + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset A_3^\times s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2s_2s_1s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_4s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1} + A_5^{(2)}\end{aligned}$$

and then  $s_1s_2s_2s_1 = s_1s_2^2s_1 \in R^\times s_1s_2^{-1}s_1 + Rs_1s_2s_1 + Rs_1^2$ . Since  $s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2s_1s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_4 = s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_2s_1s_2s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_4 \subset s_4(u_3u_2u_3u_2)s_1s_2s_4u_3u_2u_3s_4 = s_4u_2u_3u_2u_3s_1s_2s_4u_3u_2u_3s_4 = u_2s_4u_3u_2u_3s_1s_2s_4u_3u_2u_3s_4 \subset A_5^{(2)}$  by Proposition 6.3 and similarly  $s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_1s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_4 \in s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)u_1s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_4 \subset A_5^{(2)}$ , this proves that the element  $s_4w^+s_4^{-1}w^+s_4$  belongs to the set  $A_3^\times s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)(s_1s_2^{-1}s_1)s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_4A_4^\times + A_5^{(2)}$ . We now prove (4). We have  $s_4w^-s_4w^+s_4^{-1} = s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_4s_3^{-1}s_4s_3s_4^{-1}(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1})s_3^{-1}s_4s_3$ .

Now  $s_4s_3^{-1}(s_4s_3s_4^{-1}) = s_4s_3^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_4s_3 = s_4s_3^{-2}s_4s_3 \in R^\times s_4s_3s_4s_3 + u_4s_3 + Rs_4s_3^{-1}s_4s_3 = R^\times (s_4s_3s_4)s_3 + u_4s_3 + Rs_4s_3^{-1}s_4s_3 = R^\times s_3s_4s_3^2 + u_4s_3 + Rs_4s_3^{-1}s_4s_3 \subset R^\times s_3s_4s_3^{-1} + Rs_3s_4s_3 + Rs_3s_4 + u_4s_3 + Rs_4s_3^{-1}s_4s_3$ . Moreover, by Lemma 6.11(2), 6.11(1), 6.8(4) and Lemma 6.11, respectively, we have

$$\begin{aligned}s_4^{-1}s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)(u_4s_3)(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1})s_3^{-1}s_4 &\subset A_5^{(2)} \\ s_4^{-1}s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)(s_3s_4)(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1})s_3^{-1}s_4 &\in A_5^{(2)} \\ s_4^{-1}s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)(s_3s_4s_3)(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1})s_3^{-1}s_4 &\in A_5^{(2)} \\ s_4^{-1}s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)(s_4s_3^{-1}s_4s_3)(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1})s_3^{-1}s_4 &= s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^2(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1})s_3s_4^{-1}s_3^{-1} \in A_5^{(2)}\end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $s_4w^-s_4w^+s_4^{-1} \in u_3^\times s_4^{-1}s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3s_4s_3^{-1}(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1})s_3^{-1}s_4u_3^\times + A_5^{(2)}$  hence  $s_4w^-s_4w^+s_4^{-1} \in u_3^\times s_4^{-1}w^+s_4w^-s_4u_3^\times + A_5^{(2)}$ .

The proof of (5) is similar: one first gets  $s_4w^-s_4^{-1}w^+s_4^- = s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_4s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1})s_3^{-1}s_4s_3$  and then writes down  $(s_4s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1})s_3s_4^{-1} = s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1} \in R^\times s_3^{-1}(s_4^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}) + R(s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_3)s_4^{-1} + Rs_3^{-1}s_4^{-2} = R^\times s_3^{-2}s_4^{-1}s_3^{-1} + Rs_4s_3^{-1}s_4^{-2} + Rs_3^{-1}s_4^{-2} \subset R^\times s_3s_4^{-1}s_3^{-1} + Rs_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_3^{-1} + Rs_4^{-1}s_3^{-1} + Rs_4s_3^{-1}u_4 + Rs_3^{-1}s_4^{-2}$ ; one then shows using the same arguments as before that all terms but  $R^\times s_3s_4^{-1}s_3^{-1}$  provide an element of  $A_5^{(2)}$ , thus  $s_4w^-s_4^{-1}w^+s_4^- \in u_3^\times s_4^{-1}w^+s_4^{-1}w^-s_4u_3^\times + A_5^{(2)}$ .

We prove (6).

$$\begin{aligned}s_4s_3A_3s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}A_3s_3s_4 &\subset s_4s_3A_3s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}A_3(s_3s_4s_3)s_3^{-1} \\ &\subset s_4s_3A_3s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}A_3s_4s_3s_4s_3^{-1} \\ &\subset s_4s_3A_3(s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}s_4)A_3s_3s_4s_3^{-1} \\ &\subset s_4s_3A_3s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_3A_3s_3s_4s_3^{-1} + A_5^{(2)} \quad (\text{Lemmas 3.5 and 6.11(1)}) \\ &\subset (s_4s_3s_4^{-1})A_3s_3s_4^{-1}s_3A_3s_3s_4s_3^{-1} + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset s_3^{-1}s_4s_3A_3s_3s_4^{-1}s_3A_3s_3s_4s_3^{-1} + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset u_3s_4w^+s_4^{-1}w^+s_4u_3 + A_5^{(2)} \quad (\text{Lemma 6.7}) \quad \square\end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 6.13.**

$$u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 \subset A_4 s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} A_4 \\ + A_4 s_4 w^- s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_4 s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_5^{(2)}$$

**Proof.** We first note that, by Lemma 6.10 and Lemma 6.12(4) and (5), the right-hand side (RHS) of the statement is invariant under  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$ . We now consider an expression of the form  $s_4^\alpha s_3^\alpha u_2 u_1 u_2 s_3^\beta s_4^\gamma u_2 u_1 u_2 s_3^\delta s_4^\varepsilon$  with  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \{-1, 1\}$ . By Lemma 6.8 we can assume  $\alpha = \beta$  and  $\gamma = \delta$ , except for the expression  $s_4^\varepsilon s_3^\alpha u_2 u_1 u_2 s_3^{-\alpha} s_4^\varepsilon u_2 u_1 u_2 s_3^\alpha s_4^\varepsilon$ . Up to applying  $\Phi$ , we can moreover assume  $\varepsilon = 1$ , and we get the conclusion by Lemma 6.12(6) for  $\alpha = 1$ , by Lemma 6.12(1) and (4) for  $\alpha = -1$ .

We can now assume  $\alpha = \beta, \gamma = \delta$ , and still  $\varepsilon = 1$ . By Lemma 6.7 this reduces our examination to expressions  $x = s_3 w^\alpha s_4^\beta w^\beta s_4^\eta$  for new parameters  $\alpha, \beta, \eta \in \{-1, 1\}$ . If  $\alpha = \beta = \varepsilon$ , we have  $x \in A_5^{(2)}$  by Lemma 6.11(6); if  $\alpha = \beta = -\varepsilon$ , we get  $x \in A_5^{(2)}$  if in addition  $\eta = -1$ , by Lemma 6.11(7) and (8), and  $x = s_4 w^\alpha s_4^{-\alpha} w^\alpha s_4 \in \text{RHS}$  otherwise. As a consequence, we can reduce to the case  $\alpha = -\beta$ , that is  $x = s_4 w^\alpha s_4^\varepsilon w^{-\alpha} s_4^\eta$ . If  $\alpha = 1, x \in A_5^{(2)}$  by Lemma 6.11(4). If  $\alpha = -1$ , all the possibilities for  $x$  clearly lie in the RHS, except for  $s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4$ , which belongs to  $A_5^{(2)}$  by Lemma 6.11(3). This concludes the proof.  $\square$

6.3. Image of the center of the braid group in  $A_5^{(3)}/A_5^{(2)}$ 

Recall that the center of the braid group  $B_n$  is infinite cyclic, generated for  $n \geq 3$  by  $c_n = (s_1 \dots s_{n-1})^n$ , and that this generator can be written as  $c_n = c_{n-1} y_n = y_n c_{n-1} = y_n y_{n-1} \dots y_3 y_2$  where the  $y_n \in B_n \setminus B_{n-1}$  under the usual inclusions  $B_2 \subset B_3 \subset \dots \subset B_{n-1}$  form another family of commuting elements defined by  $y_2 = s_1^2$  and  $y_{n+1} = s_n y_n s_n = s_n s_{n-1} \dots s_2 s_1^2 s_2 \dots s_{n-1} s_n$ .

We let  $c = c_5 = (s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4)^5 = (s_4 s_3 s_2 s_1)^5$ . The center of  $G_{32}$  is cyclic of order 6 and is generated by the image of  $c$ . We let  $w_0 = y_4 = s_3 s_2 s_1^2 s_2 s_3 = c_4 c_3^{-1}$ , which by definition commutes with  $B_3$ , and  $\delta = y_5 = s_4 s_3 s_2 s_1^2 s_2 s_3 s_4 = c_5 c_4^{-1}$  which commutes with  $B_4$ .

We first need a preparatory lemma.

**Lemma 6.14.** (1) In  $A_4, s_4^\alpha w_0^\beta s_4^\beta w_0^\gamma s_4^\gamma \in A_3^\times s_4^\alpha w_0^{-1} s_4^\beta w_0 s_4^\gamma + A_3 s_4^\alpha w_0 s_4^\beta w_0 s_4^\gamma + A_5^{(2)}$   
(2) For all  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \varepsilon \in \{-1, 1\}$  is  $\{-, +\}$ ,

$$s_4^\alpha w^\beta s_4^\gamma w^\delta s_4^\varepsilon \in s_4^\alpha w^\beta s_4^\gamma w_0^\delta s_4^\varepsilon A_3^\times + s_4^\alpha w^\beta s_4^\gamma u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 s_4^\varepsilon A_3 \\ \subset s_4^\alpha w^\beta s_4^\gamma w_0^\delta s_4^\varepsilon A_3^\times + A_5^{(2)} \\ s_4^\alpha w^\beta s_4^\gamma w^\delta s_4^\varepsilon \in A_3^\times s_4^\alpha w_0^\beta s_4^\gamma w^\delta s_4^\varepsilon + A_3 s_4^\alpha u_3 u_2 u_3 u_1 s_4^\gamma w^\delta s_4^\varepsilon \\ \subset A_3^\times s_4^\alpha w_0^\beta s_4^\gamma w^\delta s_4^\varepsilon + A_5^{(2)} \\ s_4^\alpha w^\beta s_4^\gamma w^\delta s_4^\varepsilon \in A_3^\times s_4^\alpha w_0^\beta s_4^\gamma w_0^\delta s_4^\varepsilon + A_3 s_4^\alpha u_3 u_2 u_3 u_1 s_4^\gamma w^\delta s_4^\varepsilon + A_3 s_4^\alpha w_0^\alpha s_4^\gamma u_3 u_2 u_3 u_1 s_4^\varepsilon \\ \subset A_3^\times s_4^\alpha w_0^\beta s_4^\gamma w_0^\delta s_4^\varepsilon + A_5^{(2)}$$

**Proof.** (1) is a straightforward consequence of Lemma 4.9 and of the fact that  $s_4^\alpha U_0 s_4^\beta w_0 s_4^\gamma \subset s_4^\alpha A_3 u_3 A_3 s_4^\beta w_0 s_4^\gamma + s_4^\alpha A_3 u_3 u_2 u_3 s_4^\beta w_0 s_4^\gamma = A_3 s_4^\alpha u_3 s_4^\beta w_0 s_4^\gamma A_3 + A_3 s_4^\alpha u_3 u_2 u_3 s_4^\beta w_0 s_4^\gamma A_3 \subset A_5^{(2)}$  by Proposition 6.3. (2) follows from an easy variation in the proof of Lemma 6.7 and from Lemma 4.6.  $\square$

We are then in position to prove the following.

**Lemma 6.15.** (1)  $s_4 w^- s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} \in A_3^\times s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 + A_5^{(2)}$   
(2)  $s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4^{-1} \in s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} A_4^\times + A_5^{(2)}$ .

**Proof.** We have  $s_4 w^- s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} \in A_3^\times s_4 w_0^{-1} s_4 w_0 s_4^{-1} + A_5^{(2)}$  by Lemma 6.14(2). Since  $s_4 w_0^{-1} s_4 w_0 s_4 \in A_3^\times s_4 w^- s_4 w^+ s_4 \subset A_5^{(2)}$  by Lemma 6.11 (5) and since  $s_4^{-1} \in R^\times s_4^2 + R s_4 + R$ , we have  $s_4 w_0^{-1} s_4 w_0 s_4^{-1} \equiv s_4 w_0^{-1} s_4 w_0 s_4^2 \pmod{A_5^{(2)}}$ . Then  $s_4 w_0^{-1} s_4 w_0 s_4^{-1} \in A_3^\times s_4 w_0^2 s_4 w_0 s_4^2 + A_3 s_4 w_0 s_4 w_0 s_4^2 + A_5^{(2)}$  by Lemma 6.14(1), and  $s_4 w_0 s_4 w_0 s_4^2 \in R s_4 w_0 s_4 w_0 s_4 + R s_4 w_0 s_4 w_0 s_4^{-1} + A_5^{(2)}$ . Then

$$s_4 w_0 s_4 w_0 s_4^{-1} \in A_3^\times s_4 w^+ s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} \subset A_5^{(2)} \quad \text{and} \quad s_4 w_0 s_4 w_0 s_4 \in A_3^\times s_4 w^+ s_4 w^+ s_4 \subset A_5^{(2)}$$

by Lemmas 6.14(2) and 6.11(6). It follows that  $s_4 w_0^{-1} s_4 w_0 s_4^2 \in A_3^\times s_4 w_0^2 s_4 w_0 s_4^2 + A_5^{(2)}$ .

Now  $s_4 w_0^2 s_4 w_0 s_4^2 = s_4 w_0 (w_0 (s_4 w_0 s_4)) s_4$  and  $w_0 (s_4 w_0 s_4) = c_3^{-1} c_5 \in A_3^\times c_5$  commutes with  $w_0$  and  $s_4$ . Thus  $s_4 w_0^2 s_4 w_0 s_4^2 = (w_0 (s_4 w_0 s_4)) s_4 w_0 s_4 \in A_4^\times s_4 w_0 s_4^2 w_0 s_4$ . Now  $s_4 w_0 s_4^2 w_0 s_4 \in R^\times s_4 w_0 s_4^{-1} w_0 s_4 + R s_4 w_0 s_4 w_0 s_4 + A_5^{(2)}$ ; moreover we already noticed  $s_4 w_0 s_4 w_0 s_4 \in A_5^{(2)}$ , hence  $s_4 w_0 s_4^2 w_0 s_4 \in R^\times s_4 w_0 s_4^{-1} w_0 s_4 + A_5^{(2)} \subset A_3^\times s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 + A_5^{(2)}$  by Lemma 6.14(2), and this proves (1).

Now we have  $s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4^{-1} = \Psi(s_4 w^- s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1}) \in \Psi(A_4^\times s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4) + \Psi(A_5^{(2)}) = s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} A_4^\times + A_5^{(2)}$ , and this proves (2).  $\square$

By a direct computation, we will prove the following lemma, which will turn out to be crucial in the proof of the main theorem. We postpone this (lengthy) calculation to Section 7.

**Lemma 6.16.** In  $A_5$ ,  $\delta^3$  belongs to

$$A_4^\times s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4 A_3^\times + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_5^{(2)}$$

#### 6.4. Right actions are left actions

**Lemma 6.17.** (1) For all  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots \in \{-1, 1\}$ ,  $x, y \in A_3$ ,  $s_1(s_4^\alpha s_3^\beta x s_3^\gamma s_4^\delta s_3^\epsilon y s_3^\zeta s_4^\eta) \equiv (s_4^\alpha s_3^\beta x s_3^\gamma s_4^\delta s_3^\epsilon y s_3^\zeta s_4^\eta) s_1 \bmod A_5^{(2)}$ .

(2) For all  $x \in A_4$ ,  $(s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4) x \in A_4 (s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4) \bmod A_5^{(2)}$

(3) For all  $x \in A_4$ ,  $(s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1}) x \in A_4 (s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1}) \bmod A_5^{(2)}$

(4)  $(s_4 w^- s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1}) s_3^{-1} \in s_3^{-1} (s_4 w^- s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1}) + A_5^{(2)}$

(5)  $(s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4^{-1}) s_3^{-1} \in u_3 s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 + A_5^{(2)}$ .

**Proof.** We first prove (1). By Lemma 6.7 and because  $s_1$  commutes with  $u_1$  we can assume  $x = y = s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1}$ . Since  $(s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1}) s_1 \in s_1 (s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1}) + u_1 u_2 u_1$  by Lemma 2.3 (and even  $(s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1}) s_1 \in s_1 (s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1}) + u_1 u_2 + u_2 u_1$ , see Lemma 3.5), by Proposition 6.3 we get the conclusion.

We then prove (2). Because of (1), and because we have the result for  $x = s_3^{-1}$  by Lemma 6.12(2), we need only consider  $x = s_2$ . For  $x = s_2$ , we first use that  $s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4$  belongs to  $u_1^\times s_4 s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4 u_1^\times + A_5^{(2)}$  by Lemma 6.7; then, because of (1) we get that  $u_1^\times s_4 s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4 u_1^\times$  belongs to  $u_1^\times s_4 s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4 + A_5^{(2)}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 \cdot s_2 &\in u_1^\times s_4 (s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3) s_4^{-1} (s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3) s_4 s_2 + A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset u_1^\times s_2 s_4 (s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3) s_4^{-1} (s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3) s_4 + A_5^{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

because  $s_2$  commutes with both  $s_4$  and  $s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3$  and this proves (2). One gets (3) by applying  $\Phi$  to (2).

We prove (4). One easily gets  $(s_4 w^- s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1}) s_3^{-1} = s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4^{-2} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4$ . Now  $s_4^{-2} \in R^\times s_4 + R s_4^{-1} + R$ , and it is easily checked that the terms originating from  $R s_4^{-1}$  and  $R$  belong to  $A_5^{(2)}$ . We thus get  $s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4^{-2} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 \in s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 (s_4 s_3 s_4) s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 + A_5^{(2)} \subset s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4 s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 + A_5^{(2)}$ , and  $s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4 s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4$  belongs to  $u_3 s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 w^- s_4 + A_5^{(2)}$  by Lemma 6.12(1). We prove (5). One easily gets  $(s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4^{-1}) s_3^{-1} = s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4^{-2} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4$ , and  $s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4^{-2} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 \in A_5^{(2)}$  for  $x \in 1, s_4^{-1}$ , hence  $(s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4^{-1}) s_3^{-1}$  belongs to

$$\begin{aligned} s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4^{-2} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 A_5^{(2)} &= s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 A_5^{(2)} \\ &\subset u_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 A_5^{(2)} = u_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 (s_4^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_4) s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 A_5^{(2)} \\ &= u_3 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3 s_4^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 A_5^{(2)} \subset u_3 s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 + A_5^{(2)} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 6.18.** Another proof of item (2). It is easily checked that  $s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 \equiv (s_4 s_3 s_2 s_1^2 s_2 s_3 s_4)^2 \bmod A_5^{(2)}$ , and the element  $s_4 s_3 s_2 s_1^2 s_2 s_3 s_4$  of the braid group  $B_5$  is well-known to centralize  $B_4$ .

**Proposition 6.19.**

$$\begin{aligned} A_5^{(3)} &= A_4 s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4 + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} + A_5^{(2)} \\ A_5^{(3)} &= s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4 A_4 + s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 A_4 + s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_5^{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Clearly the RHS are included in  $A_5^{(3)}$ . By Propositions 6.6 and 6.13 we have  $A_5^{(3)} \subset A_4 s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_4 s_4 w^- s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_4 s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_5^{(2)}$ . Lemma 6.15 then implies  $A_5^{(3)} \subset A_4 s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_5^{(2)}$ . By Lemma 6.17 this implies  $A_5^{(3)} \subset A_4 s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} + A_5^{(2)}$  and  $A_5^{(3)} \subset A_4 s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4 A_4 + s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 A_4 + s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_5^{(2)}$ . Now, by Lemma 6.16,  $s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4$  belongs to  $A_4^\times \delta^3 A_3^\times + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_5^{(2)}$ , hence  $A_4 s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4 A_4 \subset A_4 \delta^3 A_4 + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_5^{(2)} = A_4 c^3 A_4 + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_5^{(2)} = A_4 c^3 A_4 + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 + s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_5^{(2)}$  and, since  $c^3$  is central and by Lemma 6.17, this latter expression can be written as  $A_4 c^3 + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 + s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} + A_5^{(2)} = A_4 \delta^3 + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 + s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} + A_5^{(2)} = A_4 s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4 A_4^\times + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 + s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} + A_5^{(2)} = A_4 s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4 + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 + s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} + A_5^{(2)}$ . The other expression is deduced from this one by application of  $\Phi \circ \Psi$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 6.20.**  $A_5 = A_5^{(3)}$ .

**Proof.** One only needs to prove  $A_5^{(4)} \subset A_5^{(3)}$ , that is  $u_4 a u_4 b u_4 c u_4 \subset A_5^{(3)}$  for all  $a, b, c \in A_4$ . We have  $u_4 a u_4 b u_4 c \in A_5^{(3)} = A_5^{(2)} A_4 s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4 + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1}$  hence

$$u_4 a u_4 b u_4 c u_4 \subset A_5^{(2)} u_4 A_4 s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4 u_4 + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 u_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} u_4 \subset A_5^{(3)}.$$

This proves the claim.  $\square$

This proves [Theorem 6.1](#), and actually the following refinement:

**Theorem 6.21.**

$$\begin{aligned} A_5 = & A_4 + A_4 s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_4 s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_4 s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 A_4 \\ & + A_4 s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_4 s_4 w^- s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} w^- s_4^{-1} A_4 + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4 A_4 + s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4 A_4 \\ & + s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 A_4 + s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1} A_4 \end{aligned}$$

### 6.5. $A_5$ as an $A_4$ -module

We need the following lemma on  $A_3$ :

**Lemma 6.22.** (1)  $u_2 u_1 u_2 \subset u_1 s_2 s_1^2 s_2 + u_1 u_2 u_1$

(2)  $u_2 u_1 u_2 \subset u_1 s_2^{-1} s_1^{-2} s_2^{-1} + u_1 u_2 u_1$ .

**Proof.** (2) is a consequence of (1) by using  $\Phi$ , so it is enough to prove (1). We have  $u_2 u_1 u_2 \subset u_1 u_2 u_1 + \sum_{\alpha \in \{-1, 1\}} R s_2^\alpha s_1^{-\alpha} s_2^\alpha$  because  $u_i$  is  $R$ -spanned by  $1, s_i, s_i^{-1}$  and because of [Lemma 2.2](#). Moreover  $s_2^{-1} s_1 s_2^{-1} \in u_1 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 + u_1 u_2 u_1$  by [Lemmas 2.4](#) and [2.3](#), hence  $u_2 u_1 u_2 \subset u_1 s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 + u_1 u_2 u_1$ . Since  $s_1^{-1} \in R s_1^2 + R s_1 + R$  we get  $s_2 s_1^{-1} s_2 \in R s_2 s_1^2 s_2 + R s_2 s_1 s_2 + R s_2^2 \subset R s_2 s_1^2 s_2 + u_1 u_2 u_1$  hence  $u_2 u_1 u_2 \subset u_1 s_2 s_1^2 s_2 + u_1 u_2 u_1$ .  $\square$

We introduce or re-introduce the following submodules of  $A_5$ :

$$\begin{aligned} A_5^{(1)} &= A_4 u_4 A_4 = A_4 + A_4 s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} A_4 \\ A_5^{(1\frac{1}{4})} &= A_5^{(1)} + A_4 s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4 A_4 (= A_5^{(1)} + A_4 s h^2(A_3) A_4) \\ A_5^{(1\frac{1}{2})} &= A_5^{(1\frac{1}{4})} + A_4 u_4 u_3 u_2 u_3 u_4 A_4 = A_5^{(1\frac{1}{4})} + A_4 s_4 s_3^{-1} s_2 s_3^{-1} s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} s_3 s_2^{-1} s_3 s_4^{-1} A_4 \\ A_5^{(2)} &= A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 = A_5^{(1\frac{1}{2})} + \sum_{\alpha, \beta \in \{1, -1\}} A_4 s_4^\alpha w^\beta s_4^\alpha A_4 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$A_5 = A_5^{(3)} = A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 u_4 A_4 = A_5^{(2)} + A_4 s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4 + A_4 s_4 w^+ s_4^{-1} w^+ s_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} w^- s_4 w^- s_4^{-1}$$

We let  $\mathcal{B}$  denote the family of elements defined in [Corollary 5.12](#), which span  $A_4$  as a left  $B$ -module,  $\mathcal{A}$  the family spanning  $A_4$  as an  $A_3$ -module defined in [Proposition 4.8](#), and  $\mathcal{A}'$  its image under the automorphism  $\text{Ad } \Delta$  of  $A_4$  (that is  $s_1 \leftrightarrow s_3, s_2 \leftrightarrow s_2$ ). We prove the following.

**Lemma 6.23.** (1)  $A_5^{(1)} = A_4 + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{A}} A_4 s_4 x + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{A}} A_4 s_4^{-1} x$

(2)  $A_5^{(1\frac{1}{4})} = A_5^{(1)} + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{B}} A_4 s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4 x$ .

**Proof.** (1) is a consequence of  $A_3 s_4^{\pm 1} = s_4^{\pm 1} A_3$ , because

$$A_5^{(1)} = A_4 + A_4 s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} A_4 = A_4 + A_4 s_4 \sum_{x \in \mathcal{A}} A_3 x + A_4 s_4^{-1} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{A}} A_3 x = A_4 + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{A}} A_4 s_4 x + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{A}} A_4 s_4^{-1} x$$

We prove (2). We have  $(s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4) s_1 = s_1 (s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4)$  and  $(s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4) s_3^{-1} \in s_3^{-1} (s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4) + u_3 u_4 + u_4 u_3$  by [Lemma 3.5](#), hence  $(s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4) B \subset B (s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4) + A_5^{(1)}$ , where we recall  $B = \langle s_1, s_3^{-1} \rangle = \langle s_1, s_3 \rangle$ . Thus

$$A_5^{(1\frac{1}{4})} = A_5^{(1)} + A_4 s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4 \sum_{x \in \mathcal{B}} B x = A_5^{(1)} + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{B}} A_4 s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4 B x = A_5^{(1)} + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{B}} A_4 s_4 s_3^{-1} s_4 x \quad \square$$

**Lemma 6.24.** (1)  $A_5^{(1\frac{1}{2})} \subset A_5^{(1\frac{1}{4})} + A_4 s_4 s_3 s_2^2 s_3 s_4 A_4 + A_4 s_4^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2^{-2} s_3^{-1} s_4^{-1} A_4$

(2)  $A_5^{(1\frac{1}{2})} \subset A_5^{(1\frac{1}{4})} + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{A}} A_4 s_4 s_3 s_2^2 s_3 s_4 x + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{A}'} A_4 s_4^{-1} s_3^{-1} s_2^{-2} s_3^{-1} s_4^{-1} x$ .

**Proof.** We have  $s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1} \subset u_2s_3s_2^2s_3 + u_2u_3u_2$  by Lemma 6.22 hence  $s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4 \subset s_4u_2s_3s_2^2s_3s_4 + s_4u_2u_3u_2s_4 \subset u_2s_4s_3s_2^2s_3s_4 + u_2s_4u_3s_4u_2 \subset u_2s_4s_3s_2^2s_3s_4 + A_5^{(1\frac{1}{4})}$ . Applying  $\Phi$  this implies  $s_4^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1} \subset u_2s_4^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-2}s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1} + A_5^{(1\frac{1}{4})}$  which proves (1). Let  $A'_3 = \langle s_2, s_3 \rangle$ . We have  $A_4 = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{A}'} x$ . Since  $s_4s_3s_2^2s_3s_4$  commutes with  $s_2$  and  $s_3$  hence to  $A'_3$ , we get

$$A_4s_4s_3s_2^2s_3s_4A_4 \subset \sum_{x \in \mathcal{A}'} A_4s_4s_3s_2^2s_3s_4A'_3x \subset \sum_{x \in \mathcal{A}'} A_4s_4s_3s_2^2s_3s_4x$$

and similarly  $s_4^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-2}s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1} = (s_4s_3s_2^2s_3s_4)^{-1}$  commutes with  $s_2$  and  $s_3$  hence

$$A_4s_4^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-2}s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}A_4 \subset \sum_{x \in \mathcal{A}'} A_4s_4^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-2}s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}x$$

which proves (2).  $\square$

**Lemma 6.25.**

$$A_5^{(2)} = A_5^{(1\frac{1}{2})} + \sum_{\alpha \in \{-1, 1\}} A_4s_4^\alpha w^\alpha s_4^\alpha + \sum_{\alpha \in \{-1, 1\}} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{A}} A_4s_4^\alpha w^{-\alpha} s_4^\alpha x$$

**Proof.** By Lemma 4.6(1), we have  $w_0 \in A_3^\times w^+ + U_0$ ,  $w_0^{-1} \in A_3^\times w^- + U_0$ , hence  $w^+ \in A_3^\times w_0 + U_0$ ,  $w^- \in A_3^\times w_0^{-1} + U_0$ , with  $U_0 = A_3u_3A_3 + A_3u_3u_2u_3A_3 \subset A_4$ . As a consequence, for  $\alpha, \beta \in \{-1, 1\}$ , we have  $A_4s_4^\alpha w^\beta s_4^\alpha A_4 \subset A_4s_4^\alpha A_3^\times w_0^\beta s_4^\alpha A_4 + A_4s_4^\alpha U_0 s_4^\alpha A_4$ . Moreover,  $s_4^\alpha U_0 s_4^\alpha = s_4^\alpha A_3u_3A_3s_4^\alpha + s_4^\alpha A_3u_3u_2u_3A_3s_4^\alpha = A_3s_4^\alpha u_3s_4^\alpha A_3 + A_3s_4^\alpha u_3u_2u_3s_4^\alpha A_3 \subset A_5^{(1\frac{1}{4})} + A_5^{(1\frac{1}{2})} = A_5^{(1\frac{1}{2})}$ , hence  $A_4s_4^\alpha w^\beta s_4^\alpha A_4 \subset A_4s_4^\alpha w_0^\beta s_4^\alpha A_4 + A_5^{(1\frac{1}{2})}$ . Since  $w_0$  and  $s_4$  commute with  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ , we have

$$A_4s_4^\alpha w_0^\beta s_4^\alpha A_4 \subset \sum_{x \in \mathcal{A}} A_4s_4^\alpha w_0^\beta s_4^\alpha A_3x \subset \sum_{x \in \mathcal{A}} A_4s_4^\alpha w_0^\beta s_4^\alpha x$$

If moreover  $\alpha = \beta$ ,  $s_4^\alpha w_0^\alpha s_4^\alpha = (s_4s_3s_2s_1^2s_2s_3s_4)^\alpha$  commutes with  $\langle s_1, s_2, s_3 \rangle = A_4$ , hence  $A_4s_4^\alpha w_0^\alpha s_4^\alpha A_4 = A_4s_4^\alpha w_0^\alpha s_4^\alpha$ , and this concludes the proof.  $\square$

From this one can conclude the following.

**Theorem 6.26.** (1)  $A_5 = A_5^{(3)}$  is generated as an  $A_4$ -module by 240 elements.

(2)  $A_5 = A_5^{(3)}$  is generated as an  $R$ -module by 155,520 elements.

**Proof.** By Lemma 6.22,  $A_5^{(1)}$  is generated as an  $A_4$ -module by  $1 + 2 \times 27 = 55$  elements,  $A_5^{(1\frac{1}{4})}$  by  $A_5^{(1)}$  and  $|\mathcal{B}| = 72$  elements,  $A_5^{(1\frac{1}{2})}$  after Lemma 6.24 by  $A_5^{(1\frac{1}{4})}$  and  $2 \times |\mathcal{A}'| = 2 \times 27 = 54$  elements,  $A_5^{(2)}$  by  $A_5^{(1\frac{1}{2})}$  and  $2 + 2 \times |\mathcal{A}| = 56$  elements (Lemma 6.25), and  $A_5^{(3)}$  by  $A_5^{(2)}$  and 3 elements. It follows that  $A_5$  is  $A_4$ -generated by  $55 + 72 + 54 + 56 + 3 = 240$  elements, which proves (1). Since  $A_4$  is  $R$ -generated by 648 elements, we get that  $A_5$  is  $R$ -generated by  $240 \times 648 = 155,520$  elements, which proves (2).  $\square$

## 7. Proof of Lemma 6.16

For the sake of concision we denote  $V_0 = A_5^{(2)}$  and  $V^+ = A_5^{(2)} + A_4s_4w^+s_4^{-1}w^+s_4A_4 = V_0 + A_4s_4w^+s_4^{-1}w^+s_4A_4$ . We will prove that  $X \in A_4^\times s_4w^-s_4w^-s_4A_4^\times + V^+$ , starting from  $X = \delta^3 = s_4w_0s_4^2w_0s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$  to  $X = \delta^3 = s_4w^-s_4w^-s_4$  (for which the statement is trivial) through a sequence of reductions of the type  $X \rightarrow X'$  where  $X' \in A_4^\times XA_4^\times + V^+$ . For publication purposes, the proof of the intermediate lemmas are skipped. We only indicate which ones of the previous lemmas are used in the proof. The interested reader can refer to the lengthier version on the arxiv for more details.

### 7.1. Reduction to $s_4w_0s_4^2w_0s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$

Using  $s_4^2 \in R^\times s_4^{-1} + Rs_4 + R$  we get  $s_4w_0s_4^2w_0s_4^2w_0s_4 \in R^\times s_4w_0s_4^2w_0s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 + Rs_4w_0s_4^2w_0s_4w_0s_4 + Rs_4w_0s_4^2w_0^2s_4$ . The fact that  $s_4w_0s_4^2w_0s_4w_0s_4$ ,  $s_4w_0s_4^2w_0^2s_4$  belongs to  $V^+$  is proved in the following Lemma 7.1, whose proof uses Lemmas 4.9, 6.11(5) (6) (7) (8) and 6.12(4).

**Lemma 7.1.** (1)  $s_4w_0s_4^2w_0^2s_4 \in V^+$ .

(2)  $s_4w_0s_4^2w_0s_4w_0s_4 \in V^+$

(3)  $s_4w_0^2s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \in V^+$

(4)  $s_4w_0s_4w_0s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \in V_0$ .

### 7.2. Reduction to $s_4s_3(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^2(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$

Using  $s_4^2 \in R^\times s_4^{-1} + Rs_4 + R$  we get  $s_4w_0s_4^2w_0s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \in R^\times s_4w_0s_4^{-1}w_0s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 + Rs_4w_0^2s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 + Rs_4w_0s_4w_0s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$ . The fact that  $Rs_4w_0^2s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 + Rs_4w_0s_4w_0s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \subset V^+$  has been proved in Lemma 7.1. Finally,  $s_4w_0s_4^{-1}w_0s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 = s_3^{-1}.s_4s_3(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^2(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$  is easily checked to hold in the braid group  $B_5$ . Before going further, we first need to establish several lemmas. For proving the first one, one uses Proposition 6.3.

**Lemma 7.2.** (1) For all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $s_4w_0s_4^\alpha s_3^\beta w_0s_4 \in V^+$ .

(2) For all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $s_4w_0s_3^\beta s_4^\alpha w_0s_4 \in V^+$ .

From this lemma the next one follows.

**Lemma 7.3.** (1)  $s_4w_0s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \in V^+$

(2)  $s_4s_3(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4w_0s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \in V^+$ .

The proof of the next lemma uses Theorem 4.1, Proposition 6.3 and Lemmas 6.11(2) (5), 6.8(3) (4) (6), 3.5, 6.7 and 6.8.

**Lemma 7.4.** (1) For all  $\beta$ ,  $s_4A_4s_4s_3^\beta w_0s_4 \subset V^+$

(2)  $s_4s_3s_2^{-1}s_3u_1u_2s_4u_3w_0s_4 \subset V^+$

(3)  $s_4s_3(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \in V^+$

(4)  $u_4u_3u_2u_3u_4A_4s_4 \subset V^+$ ; moreover  $s_4^\alpha u_3u_2u_3s_4^\beta A_4s_4 \subset V_0$  when  $\alpha, \beta \in \{-1, 1\}$  with  $(\alpha, \beta) \neq (1, 1)$

(5)  $u_4U_0u_4A_4s_4 \subset V^+$

(6)  $u_4s_3^\pm A_3s_3^\pm u_4A_4s_4 \subset V^+$ .

### 7.3. Reduction to $s_4s_3(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$

Expanding  $s_3^2$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} s_4s_3(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^2(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 &\in R^\times s_4s_3(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \\ &\quad + Rs_4s_3(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4s_3(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \\ &\quad + Rs_4s_3(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \end{aligned}$$

We have that both  $s_4s_3(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$  and  $s_4s_3(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4s_3(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$  belong to  $V^+$  by Lemmas 7.4(3) and 7.3(2). The proof of the next lemma involves Lemmas 6.11(2), 7.4(1).

**Lemma 7.5.** (1) For all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$   $s_4s_3^{-1}s_2^\alpha s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_3w_0s_4 \in V^+$

(2)  $s_4s_3^{-1}s_2^2s_3^{-1}s_4s_3w_0s_4 \in V^+$

(3)  $s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_4s_3^{-1}s_2^2s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \in V^+$

(4)  $s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_1s_2s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \in V^+$ .

The proof of the next lemma involves Lemmas 7.4(1) (4), 6.11(1) and 2.4.

**Lemma 7.6.** (1)  $s_4s_3^{-1}A_3s_4u_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \subset V^+$

(2)  $s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_4s_3^{-1}u_1u_2u_1s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \subset V^+$

(3)  $s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_4s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \in V^+$ .

### 7.4. Reduction to $s_4s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$

Expanding  $s_1^2$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} s_4s_3(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 &\in R^\times s_4s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \\ &\quad + Rs_4s_3(s_2s_1s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \\ &\quad + Rs_4s_3s_2^2s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $s_4s_3(s_2s_1s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 = s_1s_4s_3s_2s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4s_1$ , the latter two terms belong to

$$\begin{aligned} A_2s_4(s_3u_2s_3^{-1})s_4s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4A_2 &= A_2s_4s_2^{-1}u_3s_2s_4s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4A_2 \\ &\subset A_3s_4u_3s_4s_2s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4A_2 \end{aligned}$$

We thus only need to prove that the  $s_4s_3^\alpha s_4s_2s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$  belong to  $V^+$  for  $\alpha \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ . When  $\alpha = 0$  this is a consequence of Lemma 7.4(6); when  $\alpha = 1$  we get  $(s_4s_3s_4)s_2s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 = s_3s_4s_2^{-1}s_3(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$ ;

since  $s_2^2s_1^2s_2 \in u_1s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1} + u_1u_2u_1$  the conclusion follows from Proposition 6.3. When  $\alpha = -1$ , expanding  $s_1^2$  we only need to consider the  $s_4s_3^{-1}s_4s_2s_3^{-1}s_2s_1^\beta s_2s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$  for  $\beta \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ . The case  $\beta = -1$  is a consequence of Lemma 7.6 (3), while the other two cases follow from Lemma 7.5(3) and (4). The proof of the next lemma involves Proposition 6.3 and Lemmas 6.8, 6.11 and 6.12.

**Lemma 7.7.** (1)  $s_4u_3s_2u_1s_2s_3^{-1}u_4s_3w_0s_4 \subset V^+$

(2)  $s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}u_3u_2u_4s_3w_0s_4 \subset V_0$

(3)  $s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}u_2u_3u_4s_3w_0s_4 \subset V^+$ .



### 7.5. Reduction to $s_4s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1})s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$

Using  $s_2s_1^2s_2 \in s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}u_1^\times + u_1u_2u_1$  we get

$$s_4s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}(s_2s_1^2s_2)s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \in R^\times s_4s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4u_1^\times \\ + Rs_4s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}u_1u_2u_1s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4.$$

We have  $s_4s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}u_1u_2u_1s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 = s_4s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)u_1s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}u_4s_3w_0s_4s_2^{-1}u_1$ .

Using  $(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)u_1 \in u_1s_2s_1^{-1}s_2 + u_1u_2u_1$  we get that  $s_4s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)u_1s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}u_4s_3w_0s_4$  belongs to  $u_1s_4s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}u_4s_3w_0s_4 + s_4s_3u_1u_2u_1s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}u_4s_3w_0s_4$ . Now

$$s_4s_3u_1u_2u_1s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}u_4s_3w_0s_4 = u_1s_4(s_3u_2s_3^{-1})u_1s_2s_3^{-1}u_4s_3w_0s_4 \\ = u_1s_4s_2^{-1}u_3s_2u_1s_2s_3^{-1}u_4s_3w_0s_4 = u_1s_2^{-1}s_4u_3s_2u_1s_2s_3^{-1}u_4s_3w_0s_4 \subset V^+$$

by Lemma 7.7(1), and  $s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}(s_2s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})u_4s_3w_0s_4$  belongs to

$$s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_2u_4s_3w_0s_4 + s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}u_2u_3u_4s_3w_0s_4 + s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}u_3u_2u_4s_3w_0s_4$$

by Lemma 3.5. The latter two terms belong to  $V^+$  by Lemma 7.7(1) and (2), and

$$s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_2u_4s_3w_0s_4 = s_4(s_3s_2s_3^{-1})s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_2u_4s_3w_0s_4 \\ = s_4s_2^{-1}s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_2u_4s_3w_0s_4 = s_2^{-1}s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}u_4s_2s_3w_0s_4 \subset V^+$$

by Lemma 7.4(6).

The proof of the next lemma involves Proposition 6.3 and Lemmas 7.4(4), 6.8.

**Lemma 7.8.**  $s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)u_1s_4(s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \subset V^+$ .

The proof of the next lemma involves Proposition 6.3 and Lemmas 7.4(4), 6.8, 2.4.

**Lemma 7.9.**  $s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_2s_1s_4u_2u_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \subset V^+$ .

The proof of the next lemma involves Proposition 6.3 and Lemmas 6.11(3) (4) (8).

**Lemma 7.10.** (1)  $s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_2s_1s_4u_3u_2s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \subset V_0$

(2)  $u_4u_3u_2u_1s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \subset V^+$ .

**Lemma 7.11.**  $s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2s_1s_4(s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \in V^+$ .

We have  $s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)(s_1s_2s_1)s_4(s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 = s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_2s_1s_2s_4(s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 = s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_2s_1s_4(s_2s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$  which belongs to  $s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_2s_1s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_2s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 + s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_2s_1s_4u_2u_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 + s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_2s_1s_4u_3u_2s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$  by Lemma 3.5. Now

$$s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_2s_1s_4u_2u_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \subset V^+$$

by Lemma 7.9, while  $s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_2s_1s_4u_3u_2s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \subset V^+$  by Lemma 7.10(1). We are thus reduced to considering

$$s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_2s_1s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_2s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \in s_4s_2(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_2s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 + s_4u_2u_3u_2s_1s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_2s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$$

by Lemma 2.3. We have

$$s_4s_2(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_2s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 = s_2s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}w_0s_4s_2 \in V^+$$

by Lemma 7.8. We have  $s_4u_2u_3u_2s_1s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_2s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 = u_2s_4u_3u_2s_1s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}w_0s_4s_2$  and  $s_4u_3u_2s_1s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$  is a linear combination of the  $s_4s_3^\alpha u_2s_1s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$  for  $\alpha \in \{0, 1, -1\}$ . When  $\alpha = 0$  we get  $s_4u_2s_1s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 = u_2s_1s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \subset V^+$  by Proposition 6.3; for  $\alpha = 1$  we have  $s_4s_3u_2s_1s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 = s_3s_2^{-1}s_1s_4u_3s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}w_0s_4s_1 \subset V^+$  by Proposition 6.3; for  $\alpha = -1$  we have that  $s_4s_3^{-1}u_2s_1s_4s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 = (s_4s_3^{-1}s_4)u_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$  lies inside  $u_3^\times s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}u_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 + u_3u_4u_3u_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$  by Lemma 2.4, and  $u_4u_3u_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \subset V^+$  by Lemma 7.10(2). Finally,  $s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}u_2s_1s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$  is easily shown to be equal to  $s_4^{-1}s_3u_2s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_2s_2s_3s_4s_3^{-1} \subset V^+$  by Lemma 7.4(4).

### 7.6. Reduction to $s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2^{-1}s_1s_4(s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})s_4^{-1}w_0s_4$

In the braid group, we check that  $s_4s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4s_3^{-1}(s_2^{-1}s_1s_2^{-1})s_3s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 = s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2^2s_1s_4(s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})s_4^{-1}w_0s_4s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}$ .

Expanding  $s_2^2$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2^2s_1s_4(s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 &\in R^\times s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2^{-1}s_1s_4(s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \\ &\quad + Rs_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2s_1s_4(s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \\ &\quad + Rs_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1^2s_4(s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \end{aligned}$$

We have  $s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1^2s_4(s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \in V^+$  by Lemma 7.8, and

$$s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2s_1s_4(s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 \in V^+$$

by Lemma 7.11.

The proof of the next lemma involves the identity  $s_4s_3s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_2s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4 = s_1^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_4s_3s_2^2s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4$  as well as the identity  $s_4s_3(s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_2s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4 = s_1s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_3s_2s_2s_1s_2^{-1}s_3s_2s_4^{-1}s_3^2s_2s_1^2s_2s_3s_4$ . It also uses Lemmas 7.4(4) and 6.11(8).

**Lemma 7.12.** (1)  $s_4s_3s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_2s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4 \in V^+$

(2)  $s_4s_3s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_2s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4 \in V_0$ .

### 7.7. Reduction to $s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_2s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4$

We have  $s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2^{-1}s_1s_4(s_3^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1})s_4^{-1}w_0s_4 = s_4s_3s_2^{-2}s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_2s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4$  and, expanding  $s_2^{-2}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} s_4s_3s_2^{-2}s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_2s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4 &\in R^\times s_4s_3s_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_2s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4 \\ &\quad + Rs_4s_3s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_2s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4 \\ &\quad + Rs_4s_3s_1^{-1}s_2s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_2s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4 \end{aligned}$$

and the last two terms belong to  $V_0$  by Lemma 7.12(1) and (2).

The proof of the next lemma involves the relation  $s_4s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1s_2s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1} = (s_1s_2s_3s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1})s_4s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_4^{-2}(s_1s_2)$  as well as Lemmas 3.5 and 7.4(4), 6.11(2).

**Lemma 7.13.** (1)  $s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4 \in V^+$

(2)  $s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4 \in V^+$

(3)  $s_4s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1s_2s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1} \in A_4^\times s_4s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_4^{-2}A_3^\times$

(4)  $s_4u_2u_3s_1^{-1}s_2s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_1^2s_2s_3w_0s_4 \in V_0$ .

For the next lemma we use  $A_4 = A_3u_3A_3 + A_3u_3u_2u_3 + A_3w^+ + A_3w^-$  as well as Proposition 6.3 and Lemmas 6.11(2), 6.8(4), 6.11(7), 6.11(5), 7.4(4).

**Lemma 7.14.** (1)  $u_4A_4s_4^{-1}s_3^\beta w_0s_4 \subset V^+$

(2)  $s_4u_3u_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_1^2s_2s_3w_0s_4 \subset V^+$ .

### 7.8. Reduction to $s_4w^-s_4w_0^2s_4$

We have the identity  $s_4s_3(s_2s_1^{-1}s_2)s_3^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_2s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4 = (s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1})s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2^2s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4$  and, expanding  $s_2^2$ , we get that this last element belongs to  $R^\times(s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1})s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4 + R(s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1})s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4 + R(s_2^{-1}s_1^{-1})s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4$ . Now  $s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4 \in V^+$  by Lemma 7.13(1) and  $s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4 \in V^+$  by Lemma 7.13(2). We are thus reduced to considering  $s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3)s_1s_2^{-1}s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_1s_2s_3w_0s_4 = s_4(s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1})s_1^{-1}s_2s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_1^2s_2s_3w_0s_4$  which, by Lemma 3.5, lies in

$$R^\times s_4s_2^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{-1}s_2s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_1^2s_2s_3w_0s_4 + s_4u_2u_3s_1^{-1}s_2s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_1^2s_2s_3w_0s_4 + s_4u_3u_2s_1^{-1}s_2s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_1^2s_2s_3w_0s_4.$$

The two latter terms lie in  $V^+$  by Lemma 7.13(4) and 7.14(2), so we are reduced to considering  $s_4s_2^{-1}s_3s_2^{-1}s_3s_1^{-1}s_2s_4^{-1}s_3s_4^{-1}s_1^2s_2s_3w_0s_4 = s_2^{-1}s_3^{-1}s_2^{-1}s_4w^-s_4w_0^2s_4$ , hence to  $s_4w^-s_4w_0^2s_4$ .

### 7.9. Conclusion of the computation

By Lemma 4.9, we have  $w_0^2 \in A_3^\times w_0^{-1} + U^+ = w_0^{-1} A_3^\times + U^+$ , and  $U^+ = A_3 w_0 + U_0 = w_0 A_3 + U_0$ . We then have  $s_4 w^- s_4 w_0^2 s_4 \in s_4 w^- s_4 w_0^{-1} s_4 A_3^\times + s_4 w^- s_4 w_0 s_4 A_3 + s_4 w^- s_4 U_0 s_4$ .

On the one hand, we know that  $s_4 w^- s_4 A_3 u_3 A_3 s_4 = s_4 w^- s_4 A_3 u_3 s_4 A_3 = s_4 w^- s_4 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 s_4 A_3 = s_4 w^- s_4 u_2 u_1 u_2 u_3 s_4 u_1 A_3 \subset V_0$  by Proposition 6.3, and that

$$\begin{aligned} s_4 w^- s_4 A_3 u_3 u_2 u_3 A_3 s_4 &= s_4 w^- s_4 A_3 u_3 u_2 u_3 s_4 A_3 = s_4 w^- s_4 u_1 u_2 u_1 (u_2 u_3 u_2 u_3) s_4 A_3 \\ &= s_4 w^- s_4 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 s_4 A_3 = s_4 w^- s_4 u_1 u_2 u_1 u_3 u_2 u_3 s_4 u_2 A_3 \subset V^+ \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 7.4(4) (apply  $\Phi \circ \Psi$  to the identity there). From  $U_0 = A_3 u_3 A_3 + A_3 u_3 u_2 u_3 A_3$  one thus gets  $s_4 w^- s_4 U_0 s_4 \subset V^+$ .

On the other hand, we have  $s_4 w^- s_4 w_0 s_4 \in V_0 + s_4 w^- s_4 w^+ s_4 A_3 \subset V_0$  by Lemma 6.11(5). We are thus reduced to  $s_4 w^- s_4 w_0^{-1} \in s_4 w^- s_4 w^- s_4 A_3^\times + V_0$ , which concludes the proof.

### References

- [1] S. Ariki, Representation theory of a Hecke algebra of  $G(r, p, n)$ , J. Algebra 177 (1995) 164–185.
- [2] S. Ariki, K. Koike, A Hecke algebra of  $(\mathbb{Z}/r\mathbb{Z}) \wr \mathfrak{S}_n$  and construction of its irreducible representations, Adv. Math. 106 (1994) 216–243.
- [3] J. Assion, Einige endliche Faktorgruppen der Zopfgruppen, Math. Z. 163 (1978) 291–302.
- [4] P. Bellingeri, L. Funar, Polynomial invariants of links satisfying cubic skein relations, Asian J. Math. 8 (2004) 475–509.
- [5] M. Broué, G. Malle, Zyklotomische Heckealgebren, in: Représentations unipotentes génériques et blocs des groupes réductifs finis, Astérisque 212 (1993) 119–189.
- [6] M. Broué, G. Malle, R. Rouquier, Complex reflection groups, braid groups, Hecke algebras, J. Reine Angew. Math. 500 (1998) 127–190.
- [7] M. Cabanes, I. Marin, On ternary quotients of cubic Hecke algebras, Comm. Math. Phys. (in press).
- [8] H.S.M. Coxeter, Factor groups of the braid groups, Proc. Fourth Canad. Math. Congress (1957) 95–122.
- [9] P. Etingof, E. Rains, Central extensions of preprojective algebras, the quantum Heisenberg algebra, and 2-dimensional complex reflection groups, J. Algebra 299 (2006) 570–588.
- [10] L. Funar, On the quotients of cubic Hecke algebras, Comm. Math. Phys. 173 (1995) 513–558.
- [11] G. Malle, On the rationality and fake degrees of cyclotomic Hecke algebras, J. Math. Sci. Univ. Tokyo 6 (1999) 647–677.
- [12] I. Marin, Krammer representations for complex braid groups, arXiv:0711.3096 v3 (2008).
- [13] I. Marin, E. Wagner, A cubic defining algebra for the Links–Gould polynomial, arXiv:1203.5981 v1 (2012).
- [14] J. Müller, On exceptional cyclotomic Hecke algebras, preprint 2004.
- [15] I. Tuba, H. Wenzl, Representations of the braid group  $B_3$  and of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ , Pacific J. Math. 197 (2001) 491–510.